



An unsafe for human occupancy sticker is attached to a home that was severely damaged two months ago by Superstorm Sandy in Bay Head, N.J., Friday, Jan. 4, 2013.

(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

Congress approves insurance aid for storm victims

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WASHINGTON – Under intense pressure from New York and New Jersey, Congress adopted legislation Friday that would provide \$9.7 billion to cover insurance claims filed by people whose homes were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

The measure is the first, and least controversial, portion of a much larger aid package sought by the affected states to help homeowners and local governments recover costs associated with the storm. The House has pledged to take up the balance of the aid package on Jan. 15.

The House passed the in-

surance measure 354-67; it then cleared the Senate by unanimous consent. President Barack Obama is expected to sign the measure into law.

In the House, all of the votes against the aid came from Republicans, who have objected that no cuts in other programs had been identified to pay for the measure despite the nation's long-term deficit problem. The 67 Republicans who voted against the measure included 17 freshman lawmakers, suggesting that the new class will provide support to the sizable group of anti-spending conservatives already in the House. Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, brought the bill to

the House floor after he drew criticism from Democrats and Republicans alike for adjourning the previous Congress earlier this week without taking up a \$60.4 billion aid bill that the Senate had passed to finance recovery efforts in the hurricane-battered states. Among those most critical of Boehner were several leading Republicans, including Rep. Peter T. King of Long Island, who is a senior member of Congress, and Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, who is a possible presidential contender in 2016.

The bill adopted Friday would give the National Flood Insurance Program the authority to borrow \$9.7

billion to fill claims stemming from damage caused by Hurricane Sandy and other disasters.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which administers the flood insurance program, recently notified Congress that it would run out of money within the next week to cover claims filed by individuals.

"The administration is pleased that Congress has taken action to ensure that FEMA continues to have the funds to cover flood insurance claims, including over 100,000 claims from Hurricane Sandy the agency has already received," Clark Stevens, a White House spokesman, said in

a statement. "We continue to urge Congress to take up and pass the full supplemental request submitted last year to ensure affected communities have the support they need for longer term recovery."

Congress' action did not fully mollify lawmakers from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and other states struck by the storm. Some officials continued to criticize the chamber's leadership for failing to act more quickly on the larger aid package, saying it provided the necessary financing to help the region rebuild.

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AROUND THE WORLD**Eurozone inflation holding firm at 2.2%**

BRUSSELS (AP) — Inflation across the 17 European Union countries that use the euro was unchanged at 2.2% in the year to December. Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, did not provide further details in its estimate released Friday. More information will be provided in a second estimate to be published later this month. Inflation in the eurozone remains above the European Central Bank's target of keeping the annual rate of price rises "just below 2%." The ECB holds its first policy meeting next Thursday. It is expected to keep its interest rate unchanged at the record low of 0.75% even though the eurozone economy as a whole is back in recession. □

Hong Kong makes \$1.4M ivory seizure

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong authorities have made their third big seizure of illegal ivory in three months, confiscating more than a ton of elephant tusks worth \$1.4 million, customs officials said Friday. Customs officers seized 779 pieces of ivory weighing 1,323 kilograms in a shipping container that arrived at Hong Kong's port from Kenya after passing through Malaysia. The officers discovered the ivory after X-raying the container, which was declared to be carrying architectural stones. Forty sacks holding the ivory were found inside five wooden crates, hidden under rocks. The investigation is still continuing. No one has been arrested. □

Canada created 40K jobs in December

TORONTO (AP) — The Canadian economy created 40,000 full-time jobs in December, driving the unemployment rate to its lowest in four years. Statistics Canada said Friday that the unemployment rate slipped by one-tenth of a percentage point to 7.1%. The results easily topped economist estimates for a gain of just 5,000 jobs nationally and an unemployment rate of 7.3%. The better-than-expected results follow what was a strong November, when Canada's economy created 59,300 jobs. December saw 41,200 new full-time jobs added, while the number of part-time positions fell by 1,400. The new jobs were added in a month of much handwringing over the U.S. fiscal cliff. □

Over 100 die in historic India cold snap

LUCKNOW, India (AP) — More than 100 people have died of exposure as northern India deals with historically cold temperatures. Police spokesman Surendra Srivastava said that at least 114 people have died from the recent cold in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Many were poor people whose bodies were found on sidewalks or in parks. The weather department said temperatures were 4 to 10 degrees Celsius (7 to 18 degrees Fahrenheit) below normal in the state. Temperatures in New Delhi, which borders Uttar Pradesh, hit a high Wednesday of 9.8 degrees (49.6 Fahrenheit), the lowest maximum temperature in the capital since 1969. □

Bardot threatens exile over elephants

PARIS (AP) — Sex symbol-turned-animal rights activist Brigitte Bardot is threatening to join actor Gerard Depardieu in Russian exile unless France halts the scheduled euthanasia of two sick circus elephants. Bardot says authorities have ignored her "numerous proposals" to save Baby and Nepal, a pair of 42-year-old elephants dying of tuberculosis at a Lyon zoo. Bardot says that if the elephants are killed she will request Russian citizenship "to flee this country that is now just a graveyard for animals." □

Philippine man kills 8 in rampage

OLIVER TEVES
Associated Press
MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A man with domestic problems fatally shot eight people, including a pregnant

let during New Year's Eve revelry in Manila sparked public criticism over lax gun control in the Philippines. Friday's rampage fueled pressure for more

in the surrounding neighborhood.

The man had left his Kawit neighborhood about a year ago after he lost an election for village chairman. He returned Monday because of a "marital problem" with his wife, whom he had left before New Year's, Remulla said.

It was not immediately clear why Bae went on the rampage. Police investigator Arnulfo Lopez said residents heard Bae threatening to kill the caretaker if he did not reload Bae's pistol during the shooting.

"He just shot at anyone he saw," Remulla said. "You could see that these were really acts of a madman." Among the victims was a 7-year-old girl who was shot inside her home. The girl's 2-year-old sister and 4-year-old brother, who was Bae's godson, were wounded and in critical condition.

No details were immediately available about the other wounded.

The pregnant woman died after being shot in the stomach, Remulla said. Her 6-month-old fetus also died.

GMA television reported that the woman made a frantic call for help to her mother, Baby Alberto, who heard screams and gunshots. □



Edmund De Vera, cries after viewing the body of his son John-John, 5, inside a morgue of a private hospital in Kawit township, Cavite province 16 kilometers (10 miles) south of Manila, Philippines Friday Jan. 4, 2013.

(AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

woman and two children, after taking alcohol and drugs in a rampage Friday near the Philippine capital that ended when he was shot dead by police, officials said.

At least eight other people were wounded in Kawit township, about 16 kilometers (10 miles) south of Manila, Cavite provincial Gov. Jonvic Remulla said.

The violence happened days after the death of a 7-year-old girl who was hit in the head by a stray bul-

llet during New Year's Eve revelry in Manila sparked public criticism over lax gun control in the Philippines. Friday's rampage fueled pressure for more

assertive action by authorities to deal with unlicensed firearms. Ronald Bae, who was killed in the shootout with responding police, had been on a "drug and alcohol binge" with his friends since Monday, drinking and taking methamphetamine, Remulla said.

He said Bae left a store where he and his friends were drinking but later returned with the caretaker of his house in Kawit and began the shooting spree

Las Vegas:**Sgt. in Saudi military accused of child rape**

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Associated Press
LAS VEGAS (AP) — A sergeant in Saudi Arabia's air force was jailed in Las Vegas on charges that he pulled a young boy into a hotel room and sexually assaulted him the morning of Sin City's big New Year's Eve fireworks extravaganza.

Mazen Alotaibi, 23, faces charges including kidnapping, sexual assault with a minor and felony coercion that could get him decades in state prison, according to police and charging documents obtained Friday.

The boy, who is younger

than 14, told police the man forced him into a room at the Circus Circus hotel on the Las Vegas Strip and raped him. Police arrested Alotaibi after being called to the hotel before 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 31. "There was a kidnapping and sexual assault with force," Las Vegas police Lt. Dan McGrath said. "The victim said he was forced into the room and sexually assaulted. We have a strong case based on the evidence."

The boy, who lives out of state, was staying at the hotel with his family, McGrath said. He was taken to a local hospital for medical

treatment and evidence collection and released later to family members. His name was not made public.

McGrath said Alotaibi produced a Saudi Arabian military identification and said he was stationed at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland near San Antonio, Texas. U.S. federal authorities and Saudi military officials were notified, the police lieutenant said.

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland spokesman Brent Boller told The Associated Press that records showed Alotaibi is currently stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. □

Man arrested in NY cannibal case

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—The arrest of a man accused Friday of seeking to pay \$5,000 to a New York City police officer to kidnap a Manhattan woman that he intended to rape and kill drew claims from a defense lawyer that the government was trying to prevent him from testifying about Internet sexual fantasies at the officer's cannibalism-tinged trial.

The attorney, Julia Gatto, spoke after Michael Vanhise, 22, appeared briefly in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, where he was ordered held pending a bail hearing Monday on a conspiracy to commit kidnapping charge. "Mr. Vanhise is being used as a pawn by the government to bolster a very weak case," Gatto said outside court. She represents Gilberto Valle, 28, who is scheduled to go to trial later this month after he was charged in October with one count of kidnapping conspiracy and one count of accessing a computer without authorization. She said Vanhise "would have exonerated our client" with testimony about his own participation in a world of Internet sexual fantasies where people could speak of unspeakable acts they would never commit. She said the arrest Friday appeared to be a tactical move by authorities to prevent testimony by Vanhise or others about Internet fantasies.

"He definitely could have been a defense witness, yes. We believe he would certainly support the defense," Gatto said.

The lawyer said the government appeared to be pressuring potential defense witnesses not to take the witness stand by saying in court documents filed against Vanhise that there were other co-conspirators who had not been charged in the case.

Authorities said Vanhise agreed to pay Valle \$5,000 to kidnap the woman in New York and deliver her bound to Vanhise's home in New Jersey, where she would be raped and killed. □

Obama may round out natl. security team next week

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama may

ism adviser John Brennan are leading contenders to head the spy agency. White House aides said the

ing out his second term Cabinet and national security team. Kerry, as well as the nominees for the

whiff of bipartisanship in his Cabinet. Even before his nomination, Hagel's consideration for the top Pen-



Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) arrives to a hearing in Washington. President Barack Obama nominated Kerry as secretary of state. (Brendan Hoffman/The New York Times)

round out his new national security leadership team next week, with a nomination for defense secretary expected and a pick to lead the CIA possible.

Former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska is the front-runner for the top Pentagon post. Acting CIA Director Michael Morell and Obama counterterror-

ism adviser John Brennan are leading contenders to head the spy agency. Obama is due back in Washington Sunday morning. Obama nominated Sen. John Kerry to replace Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state in December, his first step in fill-

Pentagon and CIA, must be confirmed by the Senate. Hagel, the former senator from Nebraska, is a contrarian Republican moderate and decorated Vietnam combat veteran who is likely to support a more rapid withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. If confirmed, Hagel would give Obama a

tagon job raised concerns among some of his former Senate colleagues, who questioned his pronouncements on Iraq, Israel and the Middle East. Troubling for some lawmakers are Hagel's comments and actions on Israel, including his reference to the "Jewish lobby" in the United States. □

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"I am optimistic and worried," said Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y. "Optimistic because there is pressure on the House to produce. Worried because I know how difficult it is to get things through the Congress."

Christie and Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of New York, a Democrat, issued a similarly cautious statement.

"Today's action by the House was a necessary and critical first step towards delivering aid to the people of New Jersey and New York," they said. "While we are pleased

with this progress, today was just a down payment, and it is now time to go even further and pass the final and more complete, clean disaster aid bill."

The overall measure would provide money to help homeowners and small-business owners rebuild; to repair bridges, tunnels and transportation systems; to reimburse local governments for overtime costs of police, fire and other emergency services; and to replenish shorelines. It also would finance an assortment of longer-term projects that would help the regions prepare for future storms. Some Repub-

licans have been critical of the size of the proposed aid package, and have suggested that it includes unnecessary spending on items that are not directly related to the hurricane, like \$150 million for fisheries in Alaska and \$2 million for museum roofs in Washington. Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo, R-N.J., said Friday that the measure going before the House this month would "strip out the extraneous spending directed to states not affected by the storm."

"Today's vote is a key step in getting critical federal assistance to the residents, businesses and commu-

nities devastated by Hurricane Sandy," LoBiondo said in a statement. "I hope my colleagues recognize politics has no place when dealing with a disaster and that the overwhelming bipartisan support demonstrated today is present as the remaining federal aid is considered."

In the House debate leading up to the vote Friday, several lawmakers said it had taken too long for Congress to provide federal aid to the region and urged the speaker to make good on his pledge to bring the \$51 billion aid package to the floor this month. □

As expected, the Electoral College certifies Obama's victory

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WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will serve another term in the White House.

Although that may seem like old news, a joint session of Congress confirmed the Democratic ticket's victory Friday, tallying the ballots from the Electoral College to officially declare Obama the winner with 332 electoral votes to Mitt Romney's 206 votes.

Capping off a week that started with an 11th-hour resolution to the fiscal impasse by the departing Congress, the session offered another moment of tradition as the new Congress, fresh from the swearing-in ceremonies Thursday, fulfilled the constitu-



Vice President Joe Biden walks with a bipartisan group of Senators before leading a joint session of Congress to count the results of the Electoral College vote for the 2012 presidential election, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Jan. 4, 2013. The official count resulted in President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden receiving 332 votes and their Republican opponents, Mitt Romney and his running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), receiving 206, the same amounts they earned on Election Day. (Luke Sharrett/The New York Times)

The session, which began with the procession into the House chamber of the mahogany boxes containing each state's electoral vote totals, took a little more than 20 minutes. Four lawmakers – Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y.; Rep. Candice Miller, R-Mich.; Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.; and Rep. Robert Brady, D-Pa. – read each state's results aloud, punctuated a couple of times by mild applause from the otherwise silent chamber. There are 538 electors, who cast separate votes for president and vice president.

While most states require their electors to vote in accordance with the popular vote, there was still a chance that a few "faithless electors," as they are called, could break away and cast their ballots for other candidates. Before the November election, there were reports that some Republican electors might vote for Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, one of Romney's primary challengers. However, the final tally fell in line with the popular vote. □

tionally mandated practice of certifying the presidential election results.

The newly reappointed Democratic leaders, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California and Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, sat together as Biden announced the results in his role as president of the Senate.

Police ID suspect killed in NY subway shooting

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Two police officers shot and wounded during a gun battle on a New York City subway train were released from the hospital Friday, as authorities identified the man who opened fire and was later killed.

The subway shooting was the second of two Thursday involving New York City police officers, prompting Mayor Michael Bloomberg to criticize the top U.S. gun lobbying group.

In the subway shooting, police said Peter Jourdan, 37, passed between subway cars while the train was moving, which is illegal, shortly before 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

As the train pulled into a Brooklyn station, plain-

clothes officers Michael Levay and Lukasz Kozicki asked Jourdan for his identification, and instead he pulled out a handgun and opened fire, police said. Kozicki was struck three times and Levay had a graze wound to his back but was able to return fire, killing Jourdan, police said. A passenger also suffered a graze wound in the chaos, while others ran for cover on the platform when the gunfire erupted, police said.

There were no other injuries. Jourdan, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, had been arrested at least seven other times, including once in Los Angeles for bringing a gun to court.

Both Levay, 27, and Kozicki, 32, were released from the hospital Friday. □

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US lobster catch is up, value down; glut cited

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Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

This far northeastern state's lobster catch surged 18 percent last year for another record, but a marketplace glut depressed the value of its signature seafood, causing financial hardship for lobstermen, processing plants and dealers up and down the East Coast, officials said Friday. The lobster catch topped 100 million pounds (45 million kilograms) for the first time in 2011, and the numbers grew again in 2012 with a preliminary total suggesting a catch of more than 123 million pounds (55 million kilograms), according to the Maine Department of Marine Resources. Final numbers will be released next month.

Tensions boiled over in August when the huge lobster haul caused a crash in wholesale prices.

Canadian lobstermen blocked truckloads of Maine's lobster from being delivered across the border to processing plants that create lobster products for supermarkets and restaurants, blaming Maine for low prices.

New figures tell the story: The value of the catch was nearly \$331 million, a decrease of \$3.7 million from the previous year, despite the greater size. The average price was \$2.68 per pound, the lowest in 18 years, the Department of Marine Resources said.

Clive Farrin, who fishes from Boothbay Harbor, said the depressed prices made it difficult for lobstermen to cover diesel fuel and bait costs, causing some to put their boats up for sale. Without strong demand and consumer confidence, he said, the boat price paid to lobstermen will continue to be too low.

"I don't think you're going to see the price change appreciably until the economy gets straightened out," he said. "If people can't make their house payments and their car payments and keep groceries on the table, then they're not going to be buying luxury items, things like lobster." Marine Resources Commissioner Patrick Keliher said Friday that the department and industry officials will hold a series of meetings over the winter to seek potential remedies for those times when supply exceeds demand, as it did during the summer.

"This unprecedented preliminary landings report provides us with both an opportunity and a challenge," Keliher said in a statement.

The catch has continued to grow even though there are fewer lobster license holders and traps. In 2005, Maine lobstermen caught far less lobster, about 70 million pounds (31.75 million kilograms), but the value was \$320 million, similar to the current level, Keliher said. □

2nd escaped Chicago inmate captured

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Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The second of two bank robbers who escaped from a high-rise federal jail in downtown Chicago more than two weeks ago was captured Friday afternoon, at an apartment complex across the street from a suburban police department, authorities said.

Kenneth Conley was arrested in Palos Hills, according to U.S. Marshals Service spokeswoman Belkis Cantor. She said someone called local police Friday morning thinking they recognized Conley. FBI spokeswoman Joan Hyde said the Palos Hills Police Department took him into custody. Conley fled the Metropolitan Correctional Center last month with Joseph "Jose" Banks, apparently by smashing a hole in a wall at the bottom of a narrow cell window and

squeezing through before scaling down about 20 stories using a knotted rope made out of bed sheets. Banks was arrested without incident two days later at a home on the city's North Side. A man who answered the phone at a number listed for Conley's brother, Nicholas Conley, in Or-



This undated file photo provided by the FBI shows Kenneth Conley.

(AP Photo/FBI)

land Hills refused to answer questions and asked that the family be left alone. A message left for Conley's mother was not immediately returned.

Jail officials did not notice for hours on the morning of the escape that Banks and Conley were gone. Surveillance video from a nearby street showed the two hopping into a cab shortly before 3 a.m. on Dec. 18. They had changed out of their orange jail-issued jumpsuits.

When the facility did discover the two men were gone around 7 a.m., what was found revealed a meticulously planned escape, including clothing and sheets shaped to resemble a body under blankets on beds, bars inside a mattress and even fake bars in the cells. A massive manhunt involving state, federal and local law enforcement agencies was launched, as elite police teams stormed into the home of a relative of Conley only to learn the two escapees had been there and left. □

Woman arrested in US child porn case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman suspected of making and appearing in child porn photos a decade ago was arrested hours after authorities released images of her taken from those shots, federal officials announced Friday. Letha Mae Montemayor, 52, was taken into custody outside a San Fernando Valley apartment complex after authorities received several tips.

She is expected to make a federal court appear-

ance Monday on charges of producing child pornography and conspiracy, officials said. Each charge carries a minimum 15-year prison sentence.

An unidentified man also seen in the photos was still being sought. It was not immediately clear whether Montemayor had obtained a lawyer, and there was no public telephone listing for her. Montemayor was arrested fewer than 10 hours after federal authorities announced that they

were looking for a man and woman who appeared to be molesting a girl who looked to be about 13 in photos that were widely circulated online.

Forensic experts believe the shots were taken about 11 years ago in the San Fernando Valley. A phone book and calendar were seen in the shots, officials said. The images were first discovered by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in Chicago in 2007. □

More Than Words: Obscene gesture produces years of legal battling

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There is usually no mistaking the act or intent of extending a middle finger.

Take John Swartz, for example. In May 2006, Swartz was a passenger in a car in a rural part of upstate

vice.

Swartz, a Vietnam veteran and retired airline pilot, acted on instinct to show his displeasure: he extended his right arm outside the passenger's side window, and then further extended his middle finger over the

words were exchanged; backups were called; and Swartz was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. He later filed a civil rights lawsuit, and although a lower court judge dismissed the case, the prestigious U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit in Manhattan reversed that decision on Thursday, ruling that Swartz's lawsuit can go forward. The appellate decision offers a rich thumbnail sketch of the history and significance of the raised middle finger, one that traces possibly the first recorded use of the gesture in the United States to 1886, "when a joint baseball team photograph of the Boston Beaneaters and the New York Giants showed a Boston pitcher giving the finger to the Giants."

Swartz's intent, 120 years later, was undoubtedly similar.

He made the gesture as his fiancée and now wife, Judy Swartz, was driving on the Sunday evening before

Memorial Day through St. Johnsville, a village of under 2,000 people, about 50 miles northwest of Albany.

"I couldn't see the officer, didn't know who he was," Swartz, 62, recalled on Thursday. He explained that his gesture was provoked by his anger that the local police were spending their time running a speed trap instead of patrolling and solving crimes.

"It was very disheartening," Swartz said. "They'd do it constantly to the point where they ignored all of their other duties."

The officer with the radar device, Richard Insogna, did see the gesture.

But in a curious instance of mistaken middle-fingered intent, Insogna suggested in a deposition that he saw the finger as a potential call for help and followed the car because he thought Swartz "was trying to get my attention for some reason" and because he "wanted to assure the safety of the passengers." □



John Swartz, who was arrested in May 2006 after he raised his middle finger upon spotting a police radar device, in St. Johnsville, N.Y., Jan. 3, 2012. Swartz's federal civil rights lawsuit stemming from the arrest can proceed, a federal appellate panel ruled.

(Nathaniel Brooks/The New York Times)

New York when he spotted a police car that was using a radar speed-tracking de-

car's roof.

The reaction was swift. The officer followed the car;

TSA: Gun confiscations increasing at airports

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ATLANTA — The number of guns confiscated at airports across the United States is on the rise, the Transportation Security Administration says.

A record-setting 1,500 firearms were detected by security screeners in 2012, according to the agency. That number is up from about 1,300 guns in 2011. And nearly 85 percent of the weapons were loaded. "It does concern us that this number is rising," said Lisa Farbstein, an agency spokeswoman. "But we will not speculate on the causes."

The transportation agency allows passengers with proper permits to fly with guns that are unloaded and stored in hard-sided, checked baggage. It tracks the number of violators each year. The police are called when weapons are found in carry-on luggage or on a passenger.

The world's busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, topped the list with more than 100 guns confiscated in 2012, followed by 75 guns at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and 50 guns at Phoenix.

In the New York area,

where firearm laws are stricter, the number of detected guns declined this year. Three guns were confiscated at La Guardia Airport, two at Newark Liberty International, and none at John F. Kennedy International. The most common type of confiscated gun was a .380 semiautomatic

pistol. Airport officials also detected stun guns, grenades and rocket launchers. From Dec. 14 to 21, the week after a school massacre in Newtown, Conn., there was a slight increase in weapons. Screeners caught 11 passengers with stun guns, three with grenades and 34 with guns. □



A TSA officer puts a bag through a scanner at the Salt Lake City Airport. The number of guns confiscated at airports across the United States is on the rise, the TSA says.

(TSA Handout Photo)

Officials smash narwhal tusk smuggling ring

CLARKE CANFIELD

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

A smuggling ring brought narwhal tusks from the Canadian Arctic into Maine in a trailer with a secret compartment and then illegally sold them to American buyers, officials said.

Andrew Zaruskas, of Union, New Jersey, and Jay Conrad, of Lakeland, Tennessee, will be arraigned in Bangor, Maine, next week on 29 federal smuggling and money laundering charges each.

For nearly a decade, two Canadians smuggled the whale tusks into Maine and shipped them via FedEx to Zaruskas, Conrad and other unnamed American buyers, according to an indictment.

Narwhals are known as the unicorns of the sea for their spiral, ivory tusks that can grow longer than 8 feet (2.44 meters). The tusks can sell for thousands of dollars each, but it's illegal to import them into the U.S.

The court document doesn't specify how much money was involved, but it says the Canadian sellers received at least 150 payments from tusk buyers.

"The conspiracy we've alleged was over a period of 10 years, so there appears to have been enough of a market to support that length of conduct," said Todd Mikolop, who is prosecuting the case for the environmental crimes section of the Department of Justice. Narwhals live in Arctic waters and are harvested by Inuit hunters for their meat, skin and tusks, said Calvin Kania, president of Furcanada in British Columbia, which sells tusks to buyers who want them for display purposes or to turn into jewelry.

The tusks range from 3 feet (0.91 meters) to more than 8 feet (2.44 meters), and typically sell for \$1,000 to \$7,000 each, Kania said. He ships tusks worldwide, but not to countries that prohibit imports, including the U.S., the United Kingdom and Australia. □



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Former US Rep. Gabrielle Giffords visits Newton

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Associated Press
NEWTOWN, Connecticut (AP) — Former Congress-

woman Gabrielle Giffords on Friday visited the Connecticut town where a gunman killed 26 people last month inside an elementary school.

Giffords, who was shot and critically wounded in a 2011 shooting, met with U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman and Newtown's first selectman, according to Sue Marcinek, an assistant to the selectman.

Giffords was accompanied by her husband, astronaut Mark Kelly.

She was planning to meet later Friday with families of some of the Newtown victims, according to Steve Jensen, a spokesman for Wyman.

Giffords was left partially blind, with a paralyzed right arm and brain injury, when a gunman opened fire at a constituent meet-and-greet outside a Tucson grocery store on Jan. 8, 2011. Arizona's chief fed-

eral judge and five others were killed and 13 people, including Giffords, were injured.

The gunman, Jared Lee Loughner, pleaded guilty to 19 federal charges and was sentenced to seven

consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years.

Kelly said on the day of the Newtown shooting that it should lead to better gun control.

"This time our response must consist of more than regret,

sorrow, and condolence," Kelly said on his Facebook page, calling for "a meaningful discussion about our gun laws and how they can be reformed and better enforced to prevent gun violence and death in America."

Giffords' visit comes one day after Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy announced the creation of an advisory commission that will review and recommend changes to state laws and policies on issues including gun control in the wake of the Dec. 14 rampage at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The gunman, Adam Lanza, shot and killed his mother, then drove to the school and slaughtered 20 first-graders and six educators

before committing suicide as police arrived.

Giffords has appeared in public a few times since the shooting.

She came face-to-face with Loughner when he was sentenced in November and attended ceremonies for the anniversary of the shooting.

She received tributes and ovations when she returned to the House in January 2012 to say goodbye as she resigned her seat and she delivered the Pledge of Allegiance at the Democratic National Convention in September.

President Barack Obama invoked the Tucson and Newtown elementary school shootings when he spoke at Newtown shortly after the attack. □



Former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, center, holds hands with her husband, Mark Kelly, while exiting Town Hall at Fairfield Hills Campus in Newtown, Conn. after meeting with Newtown First Selectman Pat Llodra and other officials on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013. At far left is Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman; behind Giffords to the left is U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal. Giffords also met with families of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary massacre that left 26 people dead.

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\$1.4 billion price tag: Rig's owner settles Gulf spill case

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Transocean, the driller whose floating Deepwater Horizon oil rig blew out in 2010, causing a massive oil spill, has agreed to settle civil and criminal claims with the federal government for \$1.4 billion, the Justice Department announced Thursday.

The Deepwater Horizon exploded, burned and sank in April 2010. Eleven men were killed and millions of gallons of oil flowed into the Gulf of Mexico and fouled the shores of coastal

states. The Macondo well was owned by British oil giant BP, which settled its own criminal charges and some of its civil charges in November for \$4.5 billion.

While this settlement resolves the government's claims against Transocean, that company and the others involved in the spill still face the sprawling, multistate civil case, which is scheduled to begin in February in New Orleans. In a deal filed in federal court in New Orleans, a subsidiary, Transocean Deepwater, agreed to one criminal mis-

demeanor violation of the Clean Water Act and will pay a fine of \$100 million. Over the next five years, the company will pay civil penalties of \$1 billion, the largest ever under the act. As part of the criminal settlement, Transocean also agreed to pay the National Academy of Sciences and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation \$150 million each. Those funds will be applied to oil spill prevention and response in the Gulf of Mexico and natural resource restoration projects. □



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Syrian forces pound rebels near capital

BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian government warplanes and artillery pounded restive suburbs of Damascus on Friday and anti-regime activists said a car bomb targeted an intelligence building north of the capital. Fighting in Syria's civil war has flared in areas around Damascus as rebels seeking to topple President Bashar Assad try to push into the city itself. The rebel advances in the suburbs threaten the government's grip on its seat of power, prompting a punishing response from the military on rebel areas skirting the capital.

Anti-regime activists circulated a video they said showed an explosion near a military intelligence office in the town of Nabk, north of the capital. They had no information on casualties and the government did not comment on the bombing.

The blast came one day after a car bomb hit a gas station in the capital itself, killing eleven people, activists said. While no one has claimed responsibility for the attacks, they could be guerrilla strikes by rebels groups who lack the force to battle Assad's troops in the capital.

Syria's 21-month conflict has turned into a bloody stalemate that the United Nations says has killed more than 60,000 people, and it warns the civil war could claim the lives of many more this year. International efforts to stop the fighting have failed so

far, and although rebels have made gains in recent months, they still can't challenge Assad's hold on much of the country.

On Friday, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said government warplanes bombed suburbs of the capital, including Douma, where twin airstrikes killed

camera narrator said the blast struck the intelligence building.

The video appeared genuine and corresponded to other AP reporting.

Fighting also raged south of the capital, where rebels have been trying to push into the city for weeks.

Damascus activist Maath al-Shami said the govern-

east.

For its part, the Syrian army said in a statement late Thursday that troops had killed "terrorists" in areas around the capital, including Daraya. The government says the uprising is fueled by foreign-backed terrorists who seek to destroy the country. "Regime forces are facing



Anti-Syrian regime protesters carrying a banner during a demonstration in Kfar Nebel town, Idlib province, northern Syria, Friday, Jan. 4, 2013. Syrian ground and air forces bombarded rebel strongholds on the outskirts of Damascus and other areas around the country Friday while anti-government forces targeted a military post near the capital with a car bomb, activists said.

(AP Photo/Idlib News Network ENN)

more than a dozen people a day earlier. The Observatory also reported the explosion near the military intelligence building in Nabk, some 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Damascus.

A amateur video posted online showed a large explosion and a large gray cloud of smoke billowing from the area. An off-

ment fired rockets and mortars from Qasioun mountain overlooking the capital at orchards near the southern suburbs of Daraya and Kfar Sousseh.

The Observatory reported clashes between rebels and the army in other areas south of the capital and on the road to the city's airport, to the south-

very strong resistance in Daraya," said al-Shami via Skype, but added that government forces had been able to advance down the suburb's main thoroughfare. The government's capture of Daraya, southwest of the city, would provide a boost to the regime's defense of Damascus. □

US troops arrive in Turkey to man Patriot missiles

SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — U.S. troops have started to arrive in Turkey to man Patriot missiles meant to protect the NATO ally from potential Syrian warheads, the U.S. military said Friday. The United States, Germany and the Netherlands are each deploying two batteries of the U.S.-built defense system to boost ally Turkey's air defenses against any spillover from Syria's nearly 2-year civil war. The Patriot systems are expected to become operational later this month. The Stuttgart, Germany-based U.S. European Command said in a statement that U.S. personnel and equipment had started arriving at Turkey's southern Incirlik Air Base.

Some 400 personnel and equipment from the U.S. military's Fort Sill, Oklahoma-based 3rd Battalion were to be airlifted to Turkey over the coming days, while additional equipment was expected to reach Turkey by sea later in January, the Command said.

NATO endorsed Turkey's request for the Patriots on Nov. 30 after several Syrian shells landed on Turkish territory.

Last month, NATO said the Syrian military has continued to fire Scud-type missiles, although none had hit Turkish territory, and said the alliance was justified in deploying the anti-missile systems in Turkey. □

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Pakistani girl shot by Taliban leaves UK hospital

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Three months after she was shot in the head for daring to say girls should be able to get an education, a 15-year-old Pakistani hugged her nurses and smiled as she walked out of a Birmingham hospital.

Malala Yousufzai waved to a guard and smiled shyly as she cautiously strode down the hospital corridor talking to nurses in images released Friday by the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham.

"She is quite well and happy on returning home — as we all are," Malala's father, Ziauddin, told The Associated Press.

Malala, who was released Thursday, will live with her parents and two brothers in

Britain while she continues to receive treatment. She will be admitted again in the next month for another round of surgery to rebuild her skull.

Experts have been optimistic that Malala, who was airlifted from Pakistan

in October to receive specialized medical care, has a good chance of recovery because the brains of teenagers are still growing and can better adapt to trauma.

"Malala is a strong young woman and has worked

hard with the people caring for her to make excellent progress in her recovery," said Dr. Dave Rosser, the medical director for University Hospitals Birmingham. "Following discussions with Malala and her medical team, we decided that she would benefit from being at home with her parents and two brothers."

The Taliban targeted Malala because of her relentless objection to the group's regressive interpretation of Islam that limits girls' access to education. She was shot while returning home from school in Pakistan's scenic Swat Valley on Oct. 9.

Her case won worldwide

recognition, and the teen became a symbol for the struggle for women's rights in Pakistan. In an indication of her reach, she made the shortlist for Time magazine's "Person of the Year" for 2012. The militants have threatened to target Malala again because they say she promotes "Western thinking," but a security assessment in Britain concluded the risk was low in releasing her to her family. British police have provided security for her at the hospital, but West Midlands Police refused to comment on any security precautions for Malala or her family going forward. □



Malala Yousufzai is discharged from the hospital to continue her rehabilitation at her family's temporary home in the area, Friday, Jan. 4, 2013.

(AP Photo)

Israel:

Ex-spy chief blasts PM ahead of election

DANIEL ESTRIN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A prominent Israeli ex-intelligence chief sought to sway Israelis against Benjamin Netanyahu in upcoming elections, saying in an interview published Friday that the prime minister has mismanaged Israel's response to Iran's nuclear program and missed opportunities to make inroads on a peace agreement with the Palestinians.

The interview by Yuval Diskin was an unusually strong and overt assault on a prime minister by a figure formerly from the security establishment, coming less than three weeks be-

fore the Jan. 22 election, in which polls predict Netanyahu will be reelected. The election campaign has hardly touched on security issues like the conflict with Iran or the stalled peace process with the Palestinians, focusing almost entirely on domestic issues.

Diskin, who ran Israel's Shin Bet intelligence agency from 2005 to 2011, has been a vocal critic of Netanyahu.

But his front-page interview to the daily Yediot Ahronot included his sharpest comments yet. He accused Netanyahu of acting illegally by ordering the security apparatus to prepare for an attack on Iran before

gaining former approval by the Cabinet of ministers. He also said Netanyahu squandered the gains made by Israel's security forces by not using a period of relative quiet over the past few years to move toward peace with the Palestinians.

"I am convinced we deserve a better leadership that's braver and more moral, and that sets a better personal example," Diskin said. "If I cause the Israeli voter to think twice before choosing parties and leaders that are not worthy, because they are actually not leading us where we should be going, I've done my part." □



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Journalists confront China censors over editorial

DIDI TANG
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — In a rare move, some Chinese journalists are openly confronting a top censor after a southern newspaper known for its edgy reporting was forced to change a New Year editorial calling for political reform into a tribute praising the Communist Party.

Sixty journalists from the Southern Weekly in Guangdong province issued a complaint Thursday over the last-minute changes that they said were made without the consent of the editorial department.

Another group of 35 former reporters from the newspaper went a step further Friday, calling for the resignation of the provincial party propaganda chief Tuo Zhen — whom they held personally responsible for the changes — while arguing that strong and credible news media are crucial for the country and even necessary for the ruling party.

"If the media should lose credibility and influence, then how can the ruling party make its voice heard or convince its people?"



A woman walks past a newsstand where magazines and kids' cartoon journals are exhibited in Beijing, China, Friday, Jan. 4, 2013.

(AP Photo/Alexander F. Yuan)

their letter said. The party-run Global Times newspaper hit back with a defense of the government line, publishing an editorial saying the media cannot exist "romantically" outside the country's political real-

ity. The spat has become one of the hottest topics on China's popular microblog site Sina Weibo. Also apparently coming un-

der pressure from Chinese censors was the Beijing-based pro-reform journal Yanhuang Chunqiu, whose website was no longer accessible on the mainland Friday. The journal regularly challenges censorship and

recently published a New Year's message advocating political reform. Yang Jisheng, the journal's deputy director, said a Ministry of Industry and Information Technology department instructed the journal to shut down the website on Monday without providing a reason. By Friday, journal staff found the site blocked in China. China's media in recent years have become increasingly freewheeling in some kinds of coverage, including lurid reports on celebrities and sports figures. Still, censorship of political issues remains tight — although government officials typically claim there is no censorship at all — and the restrictions have drawn increasingly vocal criticism

from journalists and members of the public.

Touching off the latest tussle was a New Year's message to be published in the Southern Weekly on Thursday. The newspaper's annual feature has become a popular and influential tradition because of its boldness.

For 2013, the theme was to be constitutional rule. The original version called for democracy, freedom and adherence to the constitution — a reference to promises made in the 1982-era constitution to allow such reforms as independent courts and the rule of law. The country's communist leaders have been reluctant to fulfill those pledges for fear of eroding their monopoly on power. □

Puerto Rico: National Guard to be activated

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's new governor is calling out National Guard troops to help prevent drug and weapons smuggling.

Alejandro Garcia Padilla said late Thursday that soldiers will be stationed in ports and airports across the U.S. territory to help bolster security. It was his first executive order as governor.

At least 50 soldiers and airmen will be activated by February, National Guard spokesman Maj. Paul Dahlen said Friday. He said that unlike past years, the National Guard this time will not be armed and visible to the public, but instead will provide technical support including the use of radar to monitor the island's coastline.

The National Guard was last activated in February 2010 for one year to help Puerto Rico fight rising crime on the island of 4 million people. □



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India:

Rape victim's friend recounts ordeal

ASHOK SHARMA
Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP)—The companion of a woman who was gang-raped aboard a bus in New Delhi recounted in a television interview for the first time Friday how the pair was attacked for 2 1/2 hours before being thrown on the side of the road, where passersby ignored them and police debated jurisdiction issues

needs to crack down on crimes against women with "an iron hand." The 23-year-old woman died over the weekend from massive internal injuries suffered during the attack. Authorities charged five men with her murder and rape and were holding a sixth suspect believed to be a juvenile. A hearing in the case is scheduled for Saturday. The woman and

ties have not named the man because of the sensitivity of the case. The TV station also declined to give his name, although it did show his face during the interview. The man has a broken leg and was sitting in a wheelchair during the interview. After a while, the men on the bus started harassing and attacking the pair, he said. "I gave a tough fight to three of them. I punched them hard. But then two others hit me with an iron rod," he said. The woman tried to call the police using her mobile phone, but the men took it away from her, he said. They then took her to the rear seats of the bus and raped her. "The attack was so brutal I can't even tell you ... even animals don't behave like that," he said. Afterward, he overheard some of the attackers saying she was dead, he said. The men then dumped their bleeding and naked bodies under an overpass. He waved to passers-by on bikes, in autorickshaws and in cars for help. "They slowed down, looked at our naked bodies and left," he said. After about 20 minutes, three police vans arrived and the officers began arguing over who had jurisdiction over the crime as the man pleaded for clothes and an ambulance, he said. □



A school staff member participates in a self defense training program at a school in Mumbai, India, Friday, Jan. 4, 2013. An attack on a 23-year-old woman, who died of severe internal injuries over the weekend, has provoked a fierce debate across India about the routine mistreatment of females and triggered daily protests demanding action. (AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool)

before helping them. The Dec. 16 attack has outraged Indians and led to calls for tougher rape laws and reforms of a police culture that often blames rape victims and refuses to file charges against accused attackers. The nation's top law enforcement official said the country

her male friend had just finished watching the movie "Life of Pi" at an upscale mall and were looking for a ride home. An autorickshaw driver declined to take them so they boarded the private bus with the six assailants inside, the companion told the Indian TV network Zee TV. Authori-

Afghanistan:

Detainees released as Karzai heads to U.S.

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Just before a trip to Washington by President Hamid Karzai, the Afghan government released 80 detainees on Friday, part of a continuing effort to assert its sovereignty over the contentious issue of how prisoners are handled.

U.S. officials have long complained that the Afghans release prisoners too soon, raising the risk that many will return to the battlefield. Afghan officials counter that they are not

legally allowed to detain people suspected of being insurgents without enough evidence to prosecute them, even if the Americans say they are too dangerous to release.

The releases stem from an agreement the Americans made to eventually transfer control of the Parwan Detention Facility, located at Bagram Air Base, to the Afghan government last March. Of the thousands of prisoners captured by U.S. forces who have come under Afghan control, close to 1,000 have been released over the last year.

But Friday was a rare instance when the government made a public spectacle of releasing a large number together. A fleet of local television journalists lined up to film the ceremony, where the prisoners, dressed in new brown, yellow and blue shalwars, embraced family members most had not seen in more than a year. "The Afghan government is not trying to open the gates of its prisons and release all prisoners," said Gen. Ghulam Farooq, the superintendent of the Bagram Prison, which holds about 3,000 prisoners. □

LATIN/CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

3 US tourists dead in traffic accident

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Police in Jamaica say three tourists from the U.S. have died in a traffic collision on the island's north coast. Authorities say the women were killed when their car crashed into a minibus just east of Montego Bay. The victims were identified as 76-year-old Gloria Capleton of Brooklyn, New York and 53-year-old Claudette Grand and 34-year-old Vanessa Brown of Marlboro, Maryland. Police say the driver of the car carrying the women is hospitalized but expected to recover. They say another passenger in the car received medical treatment and was released, along with the driver and several passengers of the minibus. □

Hard rains have areas of Rio on alert

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Hard rains in Brazil are creating a state of alert in Rio de Janeiro and in nearby spots where flood-triggered mudslides have killed hundreds in recent years. Nearly 8.5 inches of rain fell in just 24 hours in hard-hit poor areas just north of Rio. Authorities attribute one death so far to the torrents. Heavy rains also have a mountainous area farther north of Rio on alert. It's an area where a storm killed nearly 1,000 people two years ago this month, as mountains of mud washed over towns. Authorities are also closely watching heavy rains in a coastal area about 90 miles west of Rio, popular with tourists during the summer. □

No TV broadcast for Gitmo 9/11 trial

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A military judge has denied a request to allow television broadcast coverage of the Guantanamo Bay war crimes tribunal for five men charged in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Defense lawyers requested TV coverage of proceedings at the U.S. base in Cuba. But the Defense Department had authorized only closed-circuit broadcast to several military bases in the northeast U.S. The ruling from Army Col. James Pohl said the court had no authority to allow general broadcast. Defense attorney James Connell said the public should be able to view proceedings against five men accused of planning and aiding the attacks. □

Argentine football players under fire

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina's tax chief laid out new rules this week aimed at reducing tax evasion and money laundering in football, the country's sacred national pastime. Ricardo Echegaray has made Argentina's football clubs responsible, starting Friday, for putting the profits from player transfers into special bank accounts. Player contracts must be reported along with these profits, and the investors and agents involved must be registered as representing the player. If any of the income or other information they declare doesn't match, the tax agency will block those responsible from operating within Argentina's financial system. □

Bahamas considering legal gambling

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — The government of the Bahamas says it has prepared a two-part referendum that could legalize certain forms of gambling on the islands. National Security Minister Bernard Nottage says voters will be asked whether they support creation of a national lottery and the regulation and taxation of now-underground gambling center centers. He said in a speech late Wednesday that the referendum will be held on Jan. 28. Bahamians currently are barred from gambling in casinos at the islands' resorts. Prime Minister Perry Christie has said the measure would generate \$20 million a year in taxes if approved. □



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Fatah celebration in Gaza signals easing of rift with rivaling Hamas

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JERUSALEM — Turning the streets of Gaza City into a swarm of sunshine-yellow flags, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians celebrated the anniversary of the Fatah faction on Friday in the heartland of its militant Islamist rival, Hamas, the latest in a series of signals heralding possible reconciliation between the parties after their bitter five-year rift. The rally, which came just after Hamas celebrations last month in the Fatah-dominated West Bank, added momentum to what Palestinian leaders

consider their twin victories in November: Hamas' firing rockets into Israeli population centers of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and the Palestine Liberation Organization's upgrade to non-member observer state status at the United Nations. Though it is unclear the two sides will ultimately overcome real differences, the show of unity creates a diplomatic quandary for the United States, which has urged Israel to return to negotiations with the Palestinians, but also rejects direct talks with Hamas, which it considers a terrorist organization.

Nabil A. Shaath, a Fatah leader who organized Friday's event, and Taher al-Nounou, a Hamas spokesman, each said in separate interviews Friday evening that they expected reconciliation talks to begin under the auspices of the Egyptians within two weeks. President Mohamed Morsi of Egypt invited President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority to Cairo, Shaath said, where he is expected to meet with the Hamas political chief, Khaled Meshaal. "The climate is excellent for reconciliation," Shaath said. □



Venezuela's Vice-President Nicolas Maduro, center, delivers a speech during a visit to "Fama de America" government-run coffee plant in Caracas, Venezuela. (AP Photo)

Chavez fighting lung infection

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelan lawmakers will meet Saturday in a session that could shed light on what steps may be taken if President Hugo Chavez is too sick to be sworn in for a new term next week. Legislators will choose a president, two vice presidents and other leaders of the National Assembly, which is controlled by a pro-Chavez majority. Whoever is elected National Assembly president could end up being the interim president of Venezuela if Chavez is unable to be inaugurated on Thursday as scheduled. Brewing disagreements over how to handle a possible transition of power also could be aired at the session, coming just five days before the scheduled inauguration day specified in the constitution. Chavez's health crisis has raised contentious questions ahead of the swearing-in, including whether the inauguration could legally be postponed. The government revealed this week that Chavez is fighting a severe lung infection and receiving treatment for "respiratory deficiency" more than three weeks after undergoing cancer surgery in

Cuba. The announcement suggests a deepening crisis for the 58-year-old president and has fed speculation that he likely is not well enough to travel to Caracas for the inauguration. National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello called on Chavez backers to show up for the legislative session and demonstrate their support. "This National Assembly is revolutionary and socialist. It will remain beside the people and our commander," Cabello said in one of several messages on his Twitter account. "If the opposition thinks it will find a space in the National Assembly to conspire against the people, it's mistaken once again. It will be defeated." Opposition leaders have demanded that the government provide more specific information about Chavez's condition, and say a new election should be held within 30 days if the president doesn't return to Venezuela by inauguration day. Some Chavez allies say the inauguration date is not a hard deadline, and argue that the president should be given more time to recover from his surgery if necessary. □

Couple dies defending home amid protests

FEDERICO QUILODRAN

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — An elderly couple whose family's vast landholdings have long been targeted by Mapuche Indians in southern Chile were killed in an arson attack early Friday while trying to defend

the application of Chile's tough anti-terrorism law and the creation of a special police anti-terror unit backed by Chile's military. No one claimed responsibility for the attack, which some Mapuche Indians repudiated Friday as senseless and abhorrent. But

Mapuche lands were left at the scene. The presidentially appointed governor of the remote southern region of Araucania, Andres Molina, called the attackers "savages."

"This attack affects the entire country and causes gigantic damage, for the pain and the delays that it means for thousands of families who want to live in peace," Pinera said. "This government is united in its effort to combat terrorism that affects the region. We will not hesitate to apply the full weight of the law." "It should be completely clear," Pinera added, "that this fight is not against the Mapuche people. It's with a minority of violent terrorists who must be fought with everything the law allows." Werner Luchsinger, 75, fired a weapon in self-defense, and struck a man from the nearby Mapuche community of Juan Quintrupil before his home burned to the ground, regional police chief Ivan Bezmalinovic said. □



A firefighter, left, works to extinguish the flames of the home of a wealthy landowner in Temuco, Chile, Friday, Jan. 4, 2013. (Hector Andrade/Agenciauno)

their home. The president quickly flew to the scene and announced new security measures, including

Chile's interior minister said pamphlets condemning police violence and demanding the return of



Elegant New Year's Eve at the Radisson Aruba Resort



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After dinner the revelers congregated at the Grand Caribbean Ballroom, for the traditional countdown celebration which included live entertainment, and dancing, premium open bar and snacks all night, with a champagne toast at midnight and party favors.

Pictured here, escorting the old year out and bring the New Year in, at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. □

In January 2013:

Aruba Bank Camacuri continues to offer service on Saturdays

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just a few of the offerings. Pictured are snapshots from 2012's last dinner party, at Pure Beach, Divi Aruba Phoenix beach Resort.

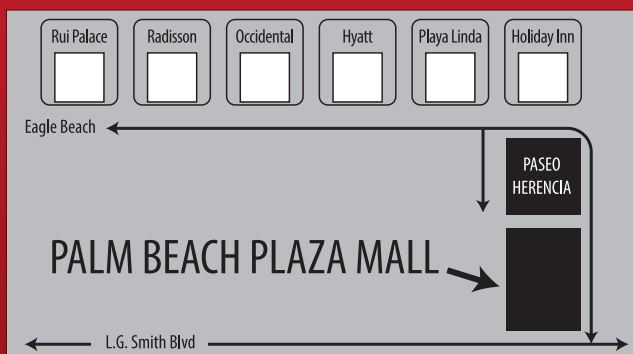
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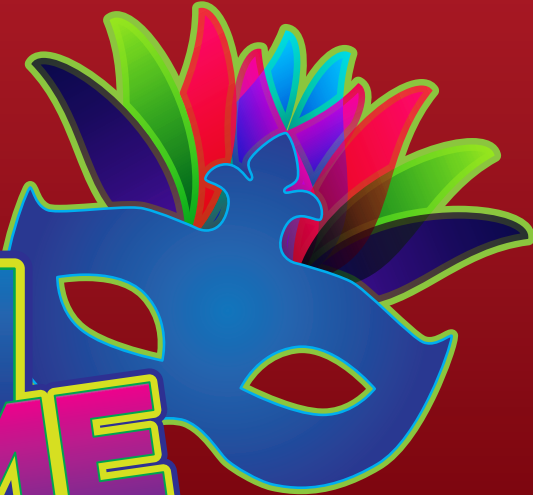
PALM BEACH - Palm Beach Plaza Mall is announcing the Caiso & Soca Monarch inscription which will take place this Sunday, January 6th 2013 starting from 6PM till 10PM at Palm Beach Plaza Mall's Main Stage. Carnival Season has started and Palm Beach Plaza Mall is inviting you to come meet Aruba's Carnival bands, local Carnival groups, take pictures with Carnival Queens, take pictures with a Carnival Road-piece which won the Road-piece Cham-

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Sides in NHL labor fight meet with mediator

IRA PODELL
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL and the players' association were meeting separately with a federal mediator Friday with no sign that they would return to the bargaining table any time soon.

Federal mediator Scot Beckenbaugh has been shuttling back and forth between the hotel in which the union is working, and the league office. As of late afternoon local time, the sides had made no plans to get together.

After marathon talks that lasted deep into Wednesday night, the sides have remained apart with the exception of two smaller meetings on Thursday.

The lockout reached its 111th day Friday, and the sides have only one week to reach a deal on a collective bargaining agreement that would allow for a 48-game hockey season — the minimum the NHL has said it will play.

Commissioner Gary Bettman set a Jan. 11 deadline so the season can begin eight days later.

The players could be looking to wait until Saturday night to return to the bargaining table when it is expected that the executive board will again have the authority to exercise a disclaimer of interest that would allow the union to dissolve and become a trade association.

A vote among union members was initiated on Thursday, and players have until 6 p.m. Saturday to cast their ballots that would allow the board to take the action of the disclaimer.

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COMMANDER in CHIEF

*Reid reaches deal
to coach Kansas City*

In a Friday, April, 29, 2005 file photo, Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid, left, watches over quarterback Donovan McNabb during the minicamp drills at the team's training facility in Philadelphia.

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Shiffrin wins World Cup slalom, leads standings

ERIC WILLEMSSEN
Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — American teenager Mikaela Shiffrin earned her second World Cup title Friday by winning a night slalom by a massive 1.19-second margin to regain the lead in the discipline standings. The 17-year-old Shiffrin had the fastest time in both runs to finish in a combined 2 minutes, 1.73 seconds — living up to her billing as American skiing's next big star following her first career World Cup win in Are, Sweden, last month.

"Everything went really well today, it felt great," said Shiffrin, who is enjoying a breakthrough season. "I said it in Are and I say it again now: I have no idea how I feel. Maybe you should ask me again in a couple of years." Shiffrin was helped by mistakes from her closest challengers after the opening leg, Slovenia's Tina Maze



Mikaela Shiffrin, of the United States, celebrates in the finish area after winning an alpine ski, women's World Cup slalom, in Zagreb, Croatia, Friday, Jan. 4, 2013.

Associated Press

and Sweden's Maria Pietilae-Holmner, who both failed to finish their final run. Frida Hansdotter of Sweden came second, and Erin Mielzynski of Canada was 1.76 behind in third. The rest of the field finished more than two seconds off Shiffrin's winning time.

"I skied solid. It went really

smooth," Shiffrin said after the first run. "I was just letting my skis taking me to the bottom and that is what I am looking for." Defending overall champion Lindsey Vonn, who went back to training Thursday after a month-long break from the circuit, skipped the race. Slalom world

champion Marlies Schild of Austria has been ruled out for three months after knee surgery in December.

Maze, who straddled a gate which automatically ended her run, lost her lead in the slalom standings to Shiffrin but remained atop the overall World Cup standings.

Shiffrin has 336 points, followed by Veronika Velez Zuzulova of Slovakia with 312 and Maze with 310. The next slalom is another night event in Flachau, Austria, on Jan. 15.

"It's definitely one of my goals to win the slalom title," Shiffrin said. "And then the GS title, and sometime the overall. Right now, I am taking it day by day and race by race."

Velez Zuzulova won the last two races in Semmering and Munich but finished only 24th Friday after a mistake in her second run brought her to a standstill. Shiffrin said she was back to

full strength after fighting a persistent cold in December.

"I was a little bit sick, I think I have my energy back now," she said after the first run.

Shiffrin's American teammate Resi Stiegler finished ninth for her best result since recovering from knee surgery following her crash at last year's World Cup finals.

The course was in excellent condition despite rising temperatures over the last couple of days.

A men's slalom on the same course is scheduled for Sunday. The women's circuit travels to St. Anton, Austria, for speed races next week. □



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AP Source: Reid agrees to 5-yr deal to lead Chiefs

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -

Andy Reid pulled up to Arrowhead Stadium in a black SUV on Friday, stepped out of it wearing a dark suit and red tie, and walked briskly toward the doors of the Kansas City Chiefs' home.

All that was left was to make his hiring official.

The longtime Eagles coach has agreed to a five-year deal to become coach of the Chiefs, two people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the terms of the contract.

The people also said that Reid has already begun assembling a staff.

Reid's agreement was finalized shortly after the Chiefs announced they had parted ways with general manager Scott Pioli after four tumultuous seasons in Kansas City.

It's expected that Reid will pursue longtime Packers personnel man John Dorsey or former Browns GM Tom Heckert - or perhaps both of them - to work with him in the front office.

Reid inherits a team that went 2-14, matching the worst record in franchise history. But he'll also have the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, and with five players voted to the Pro Bowl this season, Kansas City has building blocks in place to make a quick turnaround.

"Overall the job is still attractive," Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt told the AP earlier this week. "The franchise remains very well respected."

Hunt promised to be thorough and efficient in finding a replacement for Romeo Crennel, who was fired Monday after his first full season. The Chiefs interviewed Atlanta assistants Dirk Koetter and Keith Armstrong on Tuesday before flying to Philadelphia to meet with Reid.

Nine hours of negotiations on Wednesday went well

enough that Reid called off interviews in Arizona and San Diego, and the two sides continued working out details on Thursday. When news broke that Pioli was out, Reid's agreement quickly followed.

Reid arrived in Kansas City aboard a chartered jet Friday afternoon and drove with Hunt and other Chiefs officials to Arrowhead Stadium. He later visited the team's training complex while the final details on his contract were being worked out.

The fresh start afforded by the Chiefs should be welcomed by Reid, who endured a difficult season on the field and an even more trying time away from it. Reid's oldest son, Garrett, died during training camp after a long battle with drug addiction, and then the Eagles - expected to contend for a division championship - struggled to a 4-12 finish.

Reid was fired on Monday, the same day the Chiefs parted with Crennel.

Long considered one of the NFL's bright offensive minds, Reid had a record of 130-93-1 in 14 seasons in Philadelphia. He took a team that was 3-13 the year before his arrival and, in only two years, finished 11-5 and second in the NFC East.

That began a stretch of five straight years in which Reid won at least 11 games, including one trip to the Super Bowl.

During his tenure, the Eagles made nine playoff appearances while Kansas City made three, and won 10 playoff games - Kansas City hasn't won any since 1993. Meanwhile, the Chiefs went through five head coaches and are now on their third in three years.

One of Hunt's priorities was in finding a coach who would bring stability to the franchise.

That's one of the reasons that Hunt decided to change the Chiefs' organizational structure, with the coach and general man-

ager reporting directly to him. Since his late father Lamar Hunt founded the team 53 years ago, the coach typically reported to the general manager. That was the way it was under Pioli, whose two coaching hires ended badly.

That alone wasn't enough to force Pioli out, though. It was a combination of poor draft choices, ineffective free-agent moves and a growing fan rebellion that led the Chiefs to issue a statement Friday that said they had "mutually parted ways" with their general manager.

"There is no way to overstate the level of respect and admiration I have for Scott on a personal level,"



Philadelphia Eagles head coach Andy Reid during the first half of an NFL football game against the New York Giants Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012 in East Rutherford, N.J. Associated Press

Hunt said in a statement. "His character, loyalty, integrity and commitment to a team are extraordinary, and throughout the last four years, he has consistently put the best interests of the Chiefs ahead of his own."

Still, those qualities failed to translate to success.

Most of the Chiefs' top stars were drafted by Pioli's predecessor, Carl Peterson. The former Patriots executive struggled to find impact players, particularly at quarterback, while cycling through coaches and fostering a climate of dread within the entire organization. □

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Oregon beats Kansas State 35-17 in Fiesta Bowl

JOHN MARSHALL

AP College Football Writer
GLENDALE, Arizona (AP)

— Oregon's DeAnthony Thomas raced 94 yards for a touchdown on the opening kickoff, putting the Ducks on their way to a 35-17 win over Kansas State on Thursday in college football's Fiesta Bowl.

Ducks coach Chip Kelly may have been in charge for the last time, as he is reportedly in talks with a few NFL teams. He has led the team to bowl games in four straight years, winning the past two.

Thomas offered the first flash of speed, crossing into the end zone after picking up a couple of blocks and racing past Oregon's bench for a touchdown on the opening kickoff. The Ducks went for 2 on the point-after and converted on a trick play to go up 8-0 in the game's first 12 sec-



Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein (7) dives for a touchdown as Oregon cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Okumu (14) defends during the first half of the Fiesta Bowl NCAA college football game, Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013, in Glendale, Ariz.

Associated Press

onds. Thomas hit the Wildcats again late in the first quarter, breaking a couple of tackles and dragging three defenders into the end zone for a catch-and-run TD that put the Ducks

up 15-0. Kansas State needed a little time to get going on offense, laboring early before vaunted quarterback Collin Klein scored on a 6-yard run early in the second quarter.

Klein kept the Wildcats moving in the quarter, though not toward touchdowns: Anthony Cantele hit a 25-yard field goal and missed from 40 after a false-start penalty.

Oregon followed Cantele's miss by unleashing one of its trademark rapid scoring drives late in the second quarter. Moving 77 yards in 46 seconds, the Ducks went up 22-10 at halftime after quarterback Marcus Mariota hit Kenjon Barner on 24-yard TD pass.

Alejandro Maldonado hit a 33-yard field goal on Oregon's opening drive of the third quarter and Mariota capped a long drive with an easy 2-yard TD run. Kansas State's Javonta Boyd blocked the point-after attempt, but even that went wrong for the Wildcats: Chris Harper was tackled in the end zone for a bizarre 1-point safety that put Oregon up 32-10.

Klein hit John Hubert on a 10-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter, but all that did was cut Oregon's lead down to 32-17. □



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Knicks win 100-83, ending Spurs' streak

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points, J.R. Smith added 20 and the New York Knicks snapped the San Antonio Spurs' seven-game winning streak with a 100-83 victory Thursday night. Steve Novak added 15 points and Tyson Chandler had 10 points and 14 rebounds to help the Knicks bounced back from consecutive losses by dominating the final period against the Spurs, who may have run out of gas in their second game in two nights. Tim Duncan and Tony Parker each had just 11 points for the Spurs, who lost Stephen Jackson to an unusual injury, then lost what had been the NBA's longest winning streak. Jackson played just three minutes off the bench



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An earlier vote passed overwhelmingly last month, but the union let its self-imposed deadline to go by on Wednesday night without acting on it. A restoration of authority to go the route of the disclaimer might be the leverage the union wants before it starts negotiating again. Representatives from the league and the union met twice Thursday for small meetings, one dealing with the pension plan, but never got together for a full bargaining session. A long night of discussions Wednesday that stretched into the early morning hours didn't end well and created Thursday's lack of activity. The sides can't afford

many more days like that. All games through Jan. 14, along with the All-Star game, have been canceled, claiming more than 50 percent of the original schedule. The talks appeared to take a downward turn late Wednesday after the players' association passed on declaring a disclaimer of interest. The discord carried over to Thursday when Bettman had said he expected to resume negotiations at 10 a.m. at the request of the mediator. But the union was holding internal meetings then and didn't arrive at the league office until a few hours later. When players and staff did get there, they did so without executive director Donald Fehr. The group discussed a problem that

arose regarding the reporting by clubs of hockey-related revenue, and how both sides sign off on the figures at the end of the fiscal year. The union felt the language had been changed without proper notification, but the dispute was solved and the meeting ended in about an hour. The wait for more elaborate talks went on, and didn't end until the players returned — again without Fehr — for a meeting about the pension plan. That one lasted just under two hours, and again the waiting game ensued. But this time there wouldn't be any more talks, big or little. Neither side issued a statement, and Bettman was seen leaving league headquarters shortly after 9 p.m. □

before spraining his right ankle when he took a shot then fell back into a waitress working the sideline in front of Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Smith, who had scored 25 points in his last four games as a reserve, highlighted his outing with an acrobatic dunk in the fourth quarter that brought fans to their feet. The pass came from reserve point guard Pablo Prigioni, who had one of his most complete games since coming to the NBA at age 35, finishing with six points and nine assists. **TIMBERWOLVES 101, NUGGETS 97** **DENVER (AP)** — J.J. Barea scored 12 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter while All-Star forward Kevin Love sat on the bench with a sprained finger, lifting Minnesota over Denver.

New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony (7) shoots a layup against San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan (21) as guard Tony Parker (9), forward Tiago Splitter (22) and guard Danny Green (4) watch in the first half of their NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013. Anthony scored 23 points as the Knicks won 100-83. Associated Press

The Timberwolves were playing for the second straight night, but fatigue hardly appeared to be a factor as they handed the Nuggets a rare home loss. Denver, on the other hand, looked lethargic two days after snapping the Los Angeles Clippers' 17-game winning streak. Kosta Koufos and Ty Lawson led the Nuggets with 16 points each. □

Study suggests lower death risk for overweight

PAM BELLUCK

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A century ago, Elsie Scheel was the perfect woman. So said a 1912 article in The New York Times about how Scheel, 24, was chosen by the "medical examiner of the 400 'coeds'" at Cornell University as a woman "whose very presence speaks perfect health."

Scheel, however, was hardly model-thin. At 5-foot-7 and 171 pounds, she would, by today's medical standards, be clearly overweight.

(Her body mass index was 27; 25 to 29.9 is overweight.)

But a new report suggests that Scheel may have been onto something. The report on nearly 3 million people found that those whose BMI ranked them as overweight had less risk of dying than people of normal weight. And while obese people had a greater mortality risk overall, those at the lowest obesity level (BMI of 30 to 34.9) were not more likely to die than normal-weight people.

The report, although not the first to suggest this relationship between BMI and mortality, is by far the largest and most carefully done, analyzing nearly 100 studies, experts said.

But don't scrap those New Year's weight-loss resolutions and start gorging on fried Belgian waffles or triple cheeseburgers.

Experts not involved in the research said it suggested that overweight people need not panic unless they have other indicators of poor health and that depending on where fat is in the body, it might be protective or even nutritional for older or sicker people. But overall, piling on pounds and becoming more than slightly obese remains dangerous.

"We wouldn't want people to think, 'Well, I can take a pass and gain more weight,'" said Dr. George Blackburn, associate director of Harvard Medical School's nutrition division. □

Drugmakers fail in effort to foil generic painkillers

KATIE THOMAS

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Public officials have long urged makers of powerful painkillers to do more to make the medications harder to crush and abuse. But now that some companies have done so, they want something in return — a ban on generic versions of the drugs they make that do not have such tamper-resistant designs.

In coming months, generic drug producers are

But in hopes of delaying the move to generics, the makers of the brand-name drugs, Purdue Pharma and Endo Pharmaceuticals, have introduced versions that are more resistant to crushing or melting, techniques abusers use to release the pills' narcotic payloads. The two drugmakers, which say they are motivated not by profit but by public safety, have also been waging a multifront political and legal war to block sales of generics that

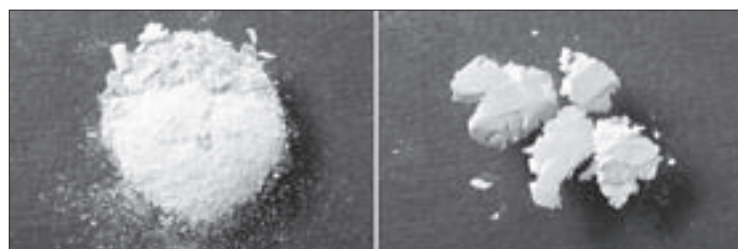
15,000 overdose-related deaths a year. While some experts say the new tamper-resistant products are not a cure-all for the abuse problem, others say they represent an important step forward.

"I think it would be a shame if the government would allow generics to come in without any tamper-resistant properties," said Dr. Lynn R. Webster, a specialist in Salt Lake City who has consulted with companies developing such safeguards. Over the last year, Purdue Pharma and Endo have backed legislation in Congress that would require many opioids to be tamper-resistant, and lobbied in favor of similar state laws.

They have also urged the Food and Drug Administration to give their tamper-resistant designs a stamp of safety approval that other manufacturers would have to match. The agency does not currently differentiate between drugs that have abuse-resistant qualities and those that do not. Thus far, the companies' efforts have failed. In mid-

December, a federal judge threw out a lawsuit by Endo that would have blocked the FDA from allowing generic versions of its drug, Opana, to go on sale in January. A recent effort by some doctors and local officials in Canada to deter sales of generic versions of OxyContin there fell flat. While companies like Purdue Pharma insist the public's health is their main concern, others note that producers introduced tamper-resistant versions of their products just as the drugs were about to lose patent protection. In court papers filed in response to Endo's lawsuit, the FDA described the company's action as a "thinly veiled attempt to maintain its market share and block generic competition."

An FDA official, Dr. Douglas C. Throckmorton, said the agency expected to issue guidance this month that would lay out the types of scientific data that drug producers would have to submit to support a claim that an opioid's design or formulation helped to deter its abuse. □



A tablet crushed into powder, left, and a reformulated tablet that does not easily turn into powder when it is crushed, right. The companies making the narcotic painkillers OxyContin and Opana, after introducing tamper-resistant pills, have encountered some resistance in their hopes to slow adoption of the drugs' generic versions.

(Purdue Pharma LP via The New York Times)

expected to introduce cheaper versions of OxyContin and Opana, two long-acting narcotic painkillers, or opioids, that are widely abused.

are not tamper-resistant. The companies argue that the older designs will feed street demand for strong painkillers, drugs that are involved in more than

FDA approves new tuberculosis drug

KATIE THOMAS

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The Food and Drug Administration announced this week that it has approved a new treatment for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis that can be used as an alternative when other drugs fail.

The drug, to be called Sirturo, was discovered by scientists at Janssen, the pharmaceuticals unit of Johnson & Johnson, and is the first in a new class of drugs that aims to treat the drug-resistant strain of the disease.

Tuberculosis is a highly infectious disease that is transmitted through the air and usually affects the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body, including the brain and kidneys. It is considered one of the world's most serious public health threats. Although rare in the United States, multidrug-resistant

tuberculosis is a growing problem elsewhere in the world, especially in poorer countries.

About 12 million people worldwide had tuberculosis in 2011, according to Johnson & Johnson, and

44 percent of patients with tuberculosis in countries like Russia, Peru and Thailand showed resistance to at least one second-line drug, or a medicine used after another drug has already failed.



Koen Andries, a Janssen scientist involved in the discovery and development of Sirturo, a treatment for multidrug-resistant TB. The drug is the first in a new class that aims to treat the drug-resistant strain of the disease.

(JRD via The New York Times)

about 630,000 had multidrug-resistant TB.

A study in September in The Lancet found that almost

Treating drug-resistant tuberculosis can take years and can cost 200 times as much as treating the ordi-

nary form of the disease

"This is quite a milestone in the story of therapy for TB," Paul Stoffels, the chief scientific officer at Johnson & Johnson, said in an interview.

He said the approval marked the first time in 40 years that the agency had approved a drug that attacks tuberculosis in a different way than the current treatments on the market. Sirturo works by inhibiting an enzyme needed by the tuberculosis bacteria to replicate and spread throughout the body.

Sirturo, also known as bedaquiline, would be used on top of the standard treatment, which is a combination of several drugs. Patients with drug-resistant tuberculosis often must be treated for 18 to 24 months. Even as it announced the approval, however, the FDA also issued some words of caution. □



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New search engine tailors its results for tablets

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The makers of Blekko believe they've built a great alternative to Google, but they're also realistic. They know their two-year-old Internet search engine won't ever supplant Google as the most popular place to search on laptop and desktop computers.

But Web surfing on tablet computers is a different matter, creating an opportunity that Blekko hopes to exploit with a new product called Izik — a search engine designed especially for Apple Inc.'s iPads and tablets running Google's Android software.

Izik, whose name is a riff on 17th-century scientist Isaac Newton, debuted Friday with the release of free apps for the iPad and Android tablets.

To cater to the more visual format of tablets, Izik displays search results in rows of information capsules that can be easily scrolled with a swipe of a finger. Users scroll vertically to look at different categories related to a search request. Scrolling horizontally displays more capsules within each category, which vary depending on the request. Blekko CEO and founder Rich Skrenta likens the experience to a hybrid service that is part search engine, part magazine and part discovery tool. Izik also shares some similarities to a tablet search app called Axis that longtime Google rival Yahoo Inc. released last May in an attempt to shake up the market. Like Izik, Axis also relies on visual thumbnails to list search results.

Izik's system is much different from Google's.

Entering "Apple" into Izik on Friday produced a set

of results sorted into these easily navigable categories: "Top Results," "Images," "Recipes," "News," "Reviews," and "Tech." Most of the information and pictures either pertained to Apple the company or the fruit.

Searching for the term at Google generated a map pinpointing the location of several nearby Apple stores. The rest of the results page was mostly devoted to a stack of blue links to other websites — a familiar format that has become the industry standard.

But Skrenta believes search will have to change as more people become tablet owners and start to use them more frequently than their laptop computers. With more than 100 million of the devices already sold since the iPad's April 2010 debut, tablets already have contributed to declining sales of traditional PCs and printers.

Skrenta is betting it's only a matter of time before the technological upheaval triggered by tablets hits the search market and people start to break their Googling habits.

Google so far has been able to extend its dominance to tablets, largely because its search engine is the built-in option on the iPad and most Android devices.

But the algorithms and format that Google uses on tablets and laptops are basically the same. Skrenta doubts Google will switch to a format as dramatically different as Izik's approach because it still makes most of its money from online advertising displayed on traditional PCs. The tendency to stick with a long-established product that is still bringing most of a company's money while



This undated image provided by Blekko on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013 shows a computer tablet screen with a page from their new Izik search engine. Associated Press

challengers are introducing breakthroughs that threaten the status quo is sometimes referred to the "innovator's dilemma."

Blekko's namesake search engine also sought to address a problem that Skrenta didn't think was being adequately addressed by Google. By relying on humans to highlight the most useful information under frequently searched topics, Blekko, which is based in Redwood Shores, Cali-

fornia, tries to remove the rogue websites that have learned to how to manipulate search formulas to gain a prominent ranking in search results.

Although Blekko began working on its technology five years ago, its search engine didn't debut until late 2010. About four months after that, Google unveiled sweeping changes to its search algorithm in an effort to reduce the rubbish showing up in its

results.

Although its search engine has yet to undercut Google's dominance, Blekko has attracted a loyal following.

It draws about 12 million monthly visitors and has raised about \$50 million in venture capital from a group of investors that includes actor Ashton Kutcher and Yandex, a Russian search engine that is more popular in its home country than Google. □

China fines LG, Samsung in flat panel price case

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AP Business Writer

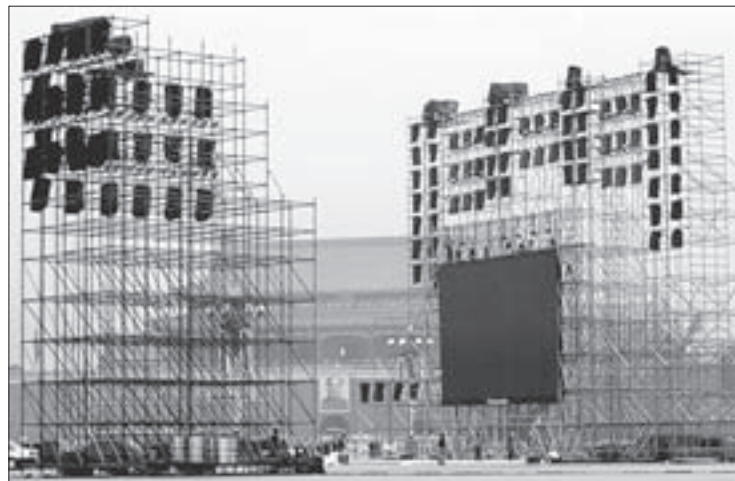
BEIJING (AP) — China fined South Korean and Taiwanese makers of LCD display screens \$56 million on Friday for price-fixing, joining the United States and Europe in a crackdown on the industry.

Suppliers have been hit by American and European regulators with penalties totaling more than \$3 billion for colluding to push up slumping prices of display screens in 2001-06. U.S. courts have sentenced 12 executives to prison.

In China, the display-manufacturing arms of Samsung Electronics Co. and LG Electronics Inc., along with four Taiwanese companies, were ordered to pay 144 million yuan (\$22.8 million) in penalties plus repayment to Chinese customers and other charges, according to China's planning agency, the National Development and Reform Commission.

Envoys from LG Display, Samsung Display and the Taiwanese suppliers met every quarter in 2001-06 to set prices of screens at a time when supply outstripped demand, pushing down market prices, according to Western and Chinese regulators. Samsung owns 85 percent of Samsung Display, the biggest display manufacturer. LG Display is a publicly

traded company in which LG owns a 38 percent stake. Nearly all the world's mobile phones and personal computers are assembled in China, making it a major market for display screens and other components imported from South



Scaffolding and an LCD screen are set up on Tiananmen Square in Beijing. China on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, joined a global crackdown on price-fixing by manufacturers of LCD screens used in computers and TVs, imposing multimillion-dollar fines on Korea's Samsung and LG and four Taiwanese companies.
(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

Korea, Taiwan and other Asian economies. The display makers "manipulated market prices and damaged the lawful interests of other companies and consumers," said an NDRC statement. U.S. prosecutors say some \$74 billion in global sales of display screens were affected by the conspiracy. Customers included Apple Inc., Dell Inc. and other producers of TVs, notebook computers and other electronics. The Chinese penalties to-

taled 100 million yuan (\$15.9 million) for Samsung Display and 118 million yuan (\$18.7 million) for LG Display. The Taiwanese companies and their fines were Chi Mei Corp., 94 million yuan (\$14.9 million); AU Optronics Ltd., 21.9 million

proper income from individual sales, according to an NDRC statement. It said Western anti-monopoly laws base penalties on the much larger amount of a company's total revenue but Beijing could not do that because its first anti-monopoly law was not enacted until 2008 and cannot be applied retroactively. After the EU fined companies in 2010, a major Chi Mei shareholder, Terry Gou, said price-fixing was led by Samsung Display and LG Display, the second-biggest panel manufacturer. Gou is chairman of Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., which assembles electronics for Apple Inc. and other companies but does not make display screens.

Samsung Display doesn't dispute the Chinese government's statement, said a company official contacted by phone Friday in Seoul. He refused to be identified by name, citing company rules, but said his comments reflected Samsung Display's official position. The company will "strengthen training" so employees do not engage in price-fixing in the future, the official said.

In a written statement, LG Display said it "remains committed to operating with full transparency in providing the best quality products and services to its global customers." □

SEC: Probe ends of Buffett's aide Sokol

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The Securities and Exchange Commission has decided not to file insider trading charges against David L. Sokol, a onetime top lieutenant at Berkshire Hathaway, Sokol's lawyer said Thursday.

Sokol came under scrutiny in 2011 after abruptly resigning as chairman of Berkshire's MidAmerican Energy Holdings, one of the many holdings of the investment conglomerate run by billionaire Warren E. Buffett. At the time, Berkshire revealed that Sokol bought shares in Lubrizol, a maker of lubricants that he wanted Buffett to buy. Sokol bought the shares about two months before Berkshire announced a \$9 billion acquisition of the company. After the deal was announced, the value of his Lubrizol stake rose by \$3 million.

But Sokol's lawyer, Barry Wm. Levine, said that the SEC informed his client Thursday that it had decided not to pursue a civil enforcement act.

Levine said that he was happy that his client had been "exonerated," and said that Sokol had never acted improperly in the trades. "He is the paragon of rectitude," said Levine, a partner at the law firm Dickstein Shapiro in Washington. SEC spokesman John Nester declined to comment Thursday. The agency typically does not comment when it decides not to pursue action in such cases. The news was first reported online by The Wall Street Journal. Sokol's resignation in 2011 was a rare black eye for Berkshire. A star manager, Sokol had run several Berkshire subsidiaries, including MidAmerican Energy and NetJets, which sells fractional ownerships of private jets. He was long considered to be a leading candidate to succeed Buffett, 82. □

Eli Lilly 2013 profit forecast tops expectations

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Eli Lilly and Co. said Friday its 2013 earnings will grow more than Wall Street expects, even though the drugmaker will lose U.S. patent protection for two more key products this year.

The company said it expects 2013 adjusted earnings of between \$3.75 and \$3.90 per share on \$22.6 billion to \$23.4 billion in revenue.

Analysts expect, on average, earnings of \$3.72 per share on \$22.87 billion in revenue, according to

FactSet.

Lilly's revenue slipped last year after it lost U.S. patent protection for its all-time best selling drug, the antipsychotic Zyprexa. That exposed a drug that once topped \$5 billion in annual revenue to cheaper generic competition.

This year, Lilly loses patent protection for its best-selling insulin, Humalog, in May and the antidepressant Cymbalta in December. Cymbalta replaced Zyprexa as Lilly's top seller. Cymbalta and Humalog combined to generate about 44 percent of Lilly's roughly \$8.7 billion in U.S.



Drugmaker Eli Lilly, maker of Cymbalta, said it expects 2013 adjusted earnings of between \$3.75 and \$3.90 per share on \$22.6 billion to \$23.4 billion in revenue.
(Handout Photo)

sales through the first nine months of 2012.

Lilly has said it will counter the revenue loss from the patent expirations by developing new drugs, cutting costs and depending

on sales in foreign markets and developing countries. The drugmaker reiterated that it expects at least \$3 billion in net income and revenue of at least \$20 billion through 2014.

It also expects to keep paying shareholders a dividend and to complete a \$1.5 billion share repurchase program this year.

The company reports fourth-quarter and 2012 results on Jan. 29.

Company shares climbed 53 cents to \$49.72 Friday before trading started. The stock rose 19 percent in 2012 to close the year at \$49.32. □

Stocks gain, pushing the S&P 500 to 5-year high

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Standard & Poor's 500 closed at its highest in five years Friday after a report showed that hiring held up in December, giving stocks an early lift.

The S&P 500 finished up 7.10 points at 1,466.47, its highest close since December 2007.

The index began its descent from a record close of 1,565.15 in October 2007, as the early signs of the financial crisis began to emerge. The index bottomed out in March 2009 at 676.53 before staging a recovery that has seen it more than double in value and move to within 99 points of its all-time peak.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished 43.85 points, or 0.3 percent, higher at 13,435.21. It gained 3.8 percent for the week,

its biggest weekly advance since June. The Nasdaq closed up 1.09 point at 3,101.66.

Stocks have surged this week after lawmakers passed a bill to avoid a combination of government spending cuts and tax increases that have come to be known as the "fiscal cliff." The law passed late Tuesday night averted that outcome, which could have pushed the economy back into recession.

The Labor Department said U.S. employers added 155,000 jobs in December, showing that hiring held up during the tense fiscal negotiations in Washington. It also said hiring was stronger in November than first thought. The unemployment rate held steady at 7.8 percent.

The jobs report failed to give stocks more of a boost



A trader works on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Stocks have surged this week after lawmakers passed a bill to avoid a combination of government spending cuts and tax increases that have come to be known as the "fiscal cliff."
(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

because the number of jobs was exactly in line with analysts' forecasts, said JJ Kinahan, chief derivatives trader for TD Ameritrade.

"The jobs report couldn't

have been more in line," Kinahan said. "The market had more to lose than to gain from it."

Among stocks making big moves, Eli Lilly and Co.

jumped \$1.84, or 3.7 percent, to \$51.56 after saying that its earnings will grow more than Wall Street expects, even though the drugmaker will lose U.S. patent protection for two more product types this year.

Walgreen Co., the largest U.S. drugstore chain, fell 61 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$37.18 after the company said that a measure of revenue fell more than analysts had expected in December, even as prescription counts continued to recover.

Stocks may also be benefiting as investors adjust their portfolios to favor stocks over bonds, said TD Ameritrade's Kinahan. A multi-year rally in bonds has pushed up prices for the securities and reduced the yield that they offer, in many cases to levels below company dividends. □

U.S. economy adds 155K jobs, rate solid at 7.8%

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added 155,000 jobs in December, a steady gain that shows hiring held up during tense fiscal negotiations in Washington. The solid job growth wasn't enough to push down the unemployment rate, which remained 7.8 percent last month, the Labor Department said Friday. The rate

for November was revised up from an initially reported 7.7 percent.

The government also said hiring was stronger in the previous month than first thought. November's job gains were revised up 15,000 to 161,000, while October was nearly unchanged at 137,000.

Stock futures inched higher after the report was released.

The "gain is perhaps better than it looks given that firms were probably nervous about adding workers with the fiscal cliff looming," Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics, said. "Nevertheless, the overall picture is that the labor market remains lackluster." Robust hiring in manufacturing and construction fueled the December job gains. Construction firms

added 30,000, the most in 15 months. That increase likely reflected hiring needed to rebuild after Superstorm Sandy and also gains in home building that have contributed to a housing recovery.

Manufacturers added 25,000 jobs, the most in nine months.

Other higher-paying industries also added jobs. Professional and business ser-

vices, which include jobs in information technology, management and architecture, gained 19,000 positions. Financial services added 9,000 and health care created 55,000.

Lower-paying sectors were mixed. Restaurants and bars added 38,000 jobs. Retailers cut 11,300, a sign that the holiday shopping season may have been weak. □

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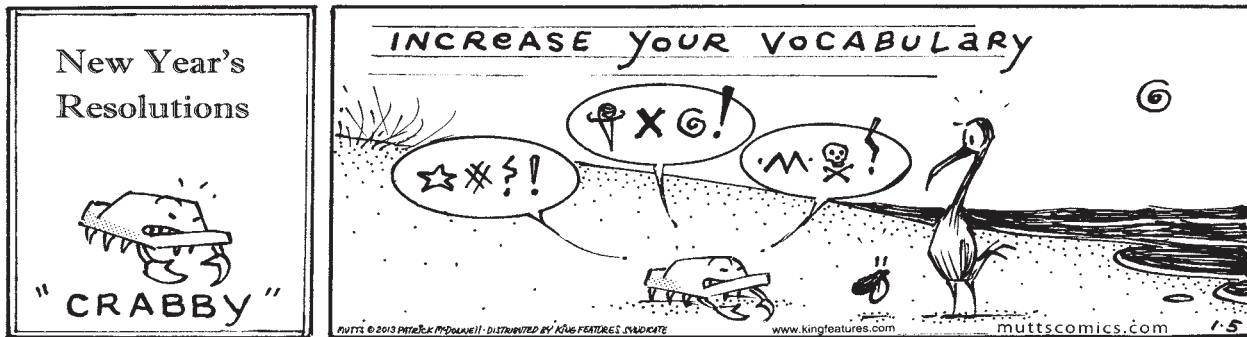
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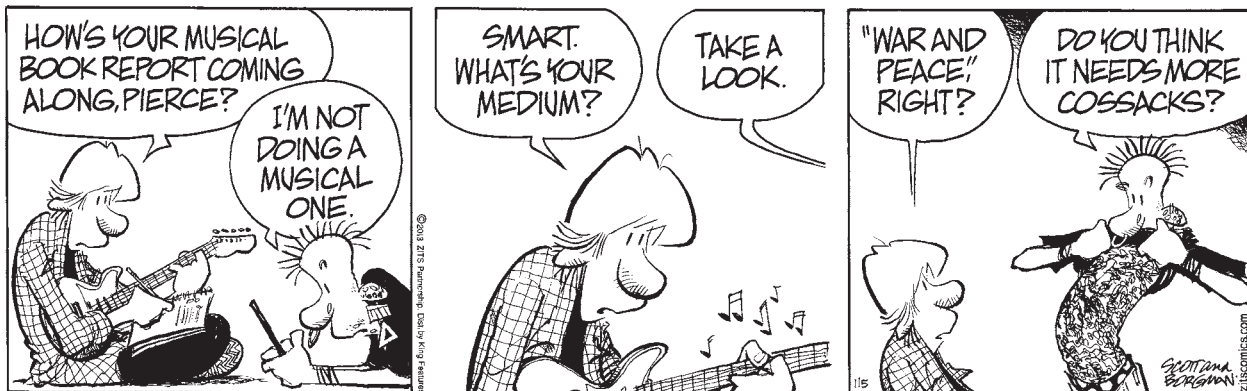
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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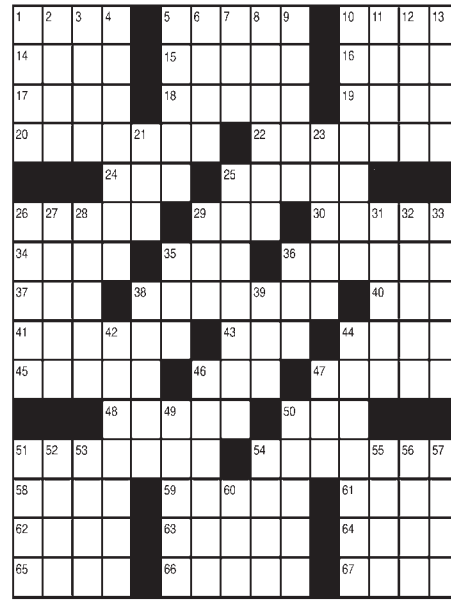
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ACROSS

- High point
- Not specific; fuzzy
- Usually benign growth
- Boston chowder
- Ridiculous
- Cape of Good
- No longer wild
- Furry swimmer
- Actress Moran
- Perform brilliantly
- On a rampage
- Body of water
- Pays attention
- Actor Robards
- Sunbathe
- Passes out cards
- Genesis garden
- Capture
- NHL or NFL
- Feel sick
- Largest planet
- Scottish John
- Ozzie, Harriet, David or Ricky
- Palmer's peg
- In addition to
- Cold rice with bits of raw fish
- Sillet
- Honking birds
- Still whole
- Soothing drink
- Floating debris
- Meat shop employee
- Street uprising
- Passenger
- Bring on board
- Shaping tool
- Atlantic or Pacific
- Scrambled __; breakfast order
- Consumer
- Loans
- Injection

DOWN

- Performs
- Applaud
- Mother
- Essayist Ralph Waldo
- Stringed instrument
- Opening bet
- Gangster's gun
- Bumpy
- Spooky
- Daughter of Bill and Hillary
- Days of __; yesteryear
- Rotate rapidly
- Camp shelter
- Barbie's beau
- More peculiar
- Natural environment
- Levi's
- "Bye, Pierre!"
- Peddles
- Faucet
- Spy; nimble
- Maui feasts
- Feel; perceive
- Habited sister
- Actor Majors
- Unites
- Reasonable bedtime
- Outside window cover
- Summer fruits
- __ stone; heel smoother
- Acquire
- Christmas song
- Revolves
- German wife
- Covers
- Seep out
- Rosary piece
- On drugs
- Thus
- Take a nap
- Comfy room



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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NYC Police:

Looking sharp and staying safe

SAM ROBERTS

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NEW YORK – There is the old joke about why firefighters wear red suspenders (to keep their pants up, of course). Now add to that the query on why police officers wear clip-on neckties.

Why, indeed, when Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly himself favors resplendent tie-it-yourself (a perfect Windsor knot) Charvet, Brioni or Kiton brands, which shun the ready-made variety.

The question is occasioned by an advertisement on Thursday in The City Record, the official government journal, seeking bids for 15,000 to 30,000 "ready-made neck ties with metal clip (female and male)" for the New York Police Department. The bids are due Jan. 30; would-be vendors are advised to enclose a sample of their wares.

Why neckties at all, for that matter? Police fashions have changed, sometimes significantly, over the years, with the current look dating to 1994, when Commissioner William J. Bratton switched the uniform shirt back from a more mellow light blue to navy. "We're getting rid of the Mr. Goodwrench look," he declared. Hats have included cork helmets as recently as the 1930s and baseball caps in the early 2000s. But the sober blue or

black necktie, with only minor bows to contemporary variations in length and width (no tie-dye versions in the '60s), has been a constant since at least the early 20th century. □



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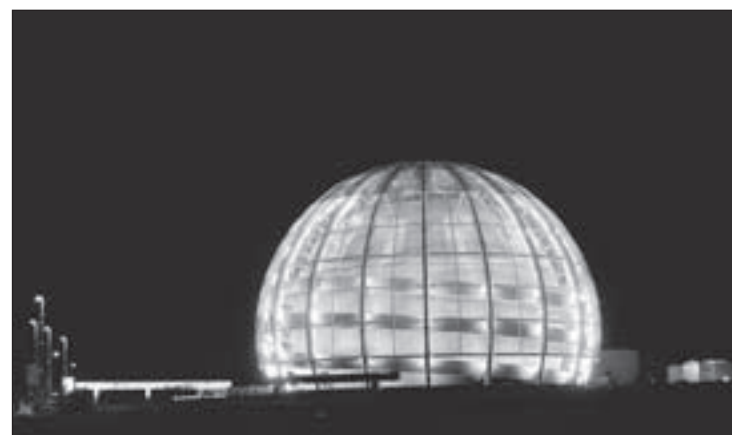
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Pacino says he didn't want to meet Phil Spector

PASADENA, California (AP) — Al Pacino says he decided not to meet famed record producer Phil Spector before portraying him in an HBO movie — only to find he already had.

A friend showed Pacino a 20-year-old photo in which the actor was standing next to Spector. Pacino said Friday he has no memory of the moment.

The movie, "Phil Spector," debuts in March. It focuses on the client-attorney relationship between Spector and Linda Kenney Baden, who represented him in his first trial on charges that he murdered actress Lana Clarkson. That ended in a mistrial, but Spector was



This undated publicity photo released by Jeffrey Richards Associates shows Al Pacino in a scene from "Glen Gary Glen Ross" at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre in New York.

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convicted in a second trial and is now in prison. Pacino says he didn't want to meet Spector in prison because he'd be a different man than the one Pacino is portraying, who hadn't yet been convicted. □

James Bond's 50th anniversary celebrated at Academy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oscar won't be the only chiseled man in the spotlight at the 85th Academy Awards.

Producers say the show will feature a celebration of Bond, James Bond.

Craig Zadan and Neil Meron announced Friday that the film awards show will pay tribute to the 50th anniversary of the James Bond film franchise. They call it "the longest-running motion picture franchise in history and a beloved global phenomenon."

The most recent Bond film, "Skyfall," was released in November and has made more than \$1 billion worldwide. That's a franchise record.

Nominations for this year's Academy Awards will be announced Jan. 10. The Oscars will be presented Feb. 24 in Los Angeles. □



his film image released by Sony Pictures shows Daniel Craig in a scene from the film "Skyfall." Telecast producers of the 85th Academy Awards say the show will feature a celebration of the 50th anniversary of James Bond.

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This undated image released by TBS shows Courteney Cox, left, and Brian Van Holt in a scene from the fourth season of "Cougar Town," premiering Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013 at 10p.m.

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TBS only briefly considered 'Cougar Town' change

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PASADENA, California (AP) — TBS and the makers of "Cougar Town" said they only briefly considered changing the show's title with its move to cable TV, but said they don't want to throw away years of marketing that has given the comedy starring Courteney Cox an identity.

After three seasons on ABC, "Cougar Town" begins its fourth season Tuesday on TBS.

Creator Bill Lawrence doesn't like the title because it conveys the image of older women chasing young men. Instead, it's a comedy about friends in their 40s. Cox's character is now married.

TBS has even run an advertising campaign calling it a funny show with a terrible title.

"We wear it as a badge of honor," Lawrence said. "I

still enjoy mocking it."

Lawrence was unhappy with ABC for holding the show in limbo before TBS bought it. But since ABC parent Walt Disney Co. still produces the show, he said at a news conference Friday that he wasn't going to bash his old network.

Before the season premiere, Lawrence and the cast of "Cougar Town" went to bars in different cities to buy people drinks and show them new episodes. To his chagrin, Lawrence said none of the people he bought drinks for was part of the Nielsen Co.'s ratings system.

Lawrence said he hopes the switch to TBS will be seamless and fans of the show won't notice a difference this season. Actress Busy Philipps became pregnant in real life during filming of the new season, but her character did not become pregnant. □

'McDreamy' says he beat Starbucks for coffee chain

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SEATTLE (AP) — "Grey's Anatomy" star Patrick Dempsey may be the real "McSteamy."

The actor, who was dubbed "McDreamy" as a star of the hospital drama while his co-star was called "McSteamy," may soon be serving hot, steaming cups of Joe.

Dempsey won a bankruptcy auction to buy Tully's Coffee, a small coffee chain based in Seattle. Among those he beat out is Tully's much bigger Seattle neighbor, Starbucks Corp., which is known for its ubiquitous white cups with a circular green mermaid logo. Dempsey, whose company Global Baristas LLC plans to keep the Tully's name, declared victory on the social media site Twitter: "We met the green monster, looked her in the eye, and...SHE BLINKED! We got it! Thank you Seattle!"

The win for Dempsey deals a rare setback for Starbucks on its home turf. Starbucks has long been both praised for bringing "coffeehouse culture" to the U.S. and criticized for crushing smaller chains. The coffee giant, which had planned to convert the Tully's cafes to its own brand, last month announced plans to expand its global footprint to 20,000 cafes over the next two years, up from the current 18,000. Dempsey said in an interview on Friday that as the underdog in Seattle, Tully's



In this June 28, 2011 file photo, actor Patrick Dempsey attends the "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" premiere in Times Square in New York. Late Thursday night Jan. 3, 2013, Dempsey announced that his company, Global Baristas LLC, made the winning bid for Tully's Coffee.

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will need to find its identity. "It's a much smaller chain that has a lot of potential that hasn't been given the proper care," he said.

But in a statement shortly after the auction on Thursday, Starbucks insinuated that Dempsey shouldn't celebrate just yet.

Starbucks, which wanted to convert the Tully's cafes to its own brand, said that a final determination on the winning bid won't be made until a court hearing on Jan. 11. Starbucks said it's in a "back-up" position to buy 25 of the 47 Tully's cafes, with another undisclosed bidder making an offer for the remainder.

The combined bids of Starbucks and the undisclosed bidder come to \$10.6 million, above the \$9.2 million Dempsey's company is offering to pay through his company, which was formed in order to purchase Tully's. Tully's Coffee, which is known for serving Joe with a milder taste than Starbucks brand, filed for bankruptcy protection in October, citing lease obligations and underperforming stores. Tully's wholesale business, which includes Tully's Coffee in bags and single serve K-cup packs that are sold in supermarkets and other stores, is owned separately by Green Mountain Coffee

Roasters Inc.

TC Global Inc., the parent company of Tully's, said in a release Friday that it was "encouraged and excited" about Dempsey's commitment to the chain. Tully's President and CEO Scott Pearson called the deal a "great match" and that the goal is to make sure creditors get paid and to keep as many people employed as possible.

Dempsey said he planned to be very involved in the running of the company, adding that the immediate challenges were to address bookkeeping issues, staff morale and sprucing up the coffee shops. Once the business is stabilized, Dempsey said the long-term goal would be to take the chain national.

"We can pull this off. We just have to take steps that are slow and smart," he said. "I'm going to get behind the counter. I'm going to serve coffee...I'm going to give the company a boost of energy."

Although Dempsey lives in Los Angeles, he plans to spend more time in Seattle, the city where "Grey's Anatomy" is set in. Dempsey said he believed there is room in the city for Tully's and the much larger Starbucks; he noted there might be people who are rooting for the underdog. □

HBO to make movie adaptation of AIDS play

PASADENA, California (AP) — Julia Roberts and Mark Ruffalo will star in an HBO movie adaptation of "The Normal Heart," the play about the onset of the AIDS crisis in New York City in the early 1980s.

HBO said Friday that Ryan Murphy, maker of "Eat Pray Love" and the TV show "Glee," will direct the film.

Larry Kramer's play about the men who joined him to help form the Gay Men's

Health Crisis debuted in 1985 and was brought to Broadway again in 2011, winning a Tony Award for best revival.

Roberts will portray Dr. Emma Brookner, a paraplegic doctor who treated several of the earliest AIDS victims.

Ruffalo plays Ned Weeks, who sought answers when he saw the disease begin to kill many gay people he knew. □

Battles Of The Budget



PAUL KRUGMAN

© 2013 New York Times The centrist fantasy of a Grand Bargain on the budget never had a chance. Even if some kind of bargain had supposedly been reached, key players would soon have reneged on the deal – probably the next time a Republican occupied the White House.

For the reality is that our two major political parties are engaged in a fierce struggle over the future shape of American society. Democrats want to preserve the legacy of the New Deal and the Great Society – Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid – and add to them what every other advanced country has: a more or less universal guarantee of essential health care. Republicans want to roll all of that back, making room for drastically lower taxes on the wealthy. Yes, it's essentially a class war.

The fight over the "fiscal cliff" was just one battle in that war. It ended, arguably, in a tactical victory for Democrats. The question is whether it was a Pyrrhic victory that set the stage for a larger defeat.

Why do I say that it was a tactical victory? Mainly because of what didn't happen: There were no benefit cuts.

This was by no means a foregone conclusion. In 2011, the Obama administration was reportedly willing to raise the age of Medicare eligibility, a terrible and cruel policy idea. This time around, it was willing to cut Social Security benefits by changing the formula for cost-of-living adjustments, a less terrible idea that would nonetheless have imposed a lot of hardship – and probably have been politically disastrous as well. In the end, however, it didn't happen. And progressives, always worried that President Barack Obama seems much too willing to compromise about fundamentals, breathed a sigh of relief.

There were also some actual positives from a progressive point of view. Expanded unemployment benefits were given another year to run, a huge benefit to many families and a significant boost to our economic prospects (because this is money that will be spent, and hence help preserve jobs). Other benefits to lower-income families were given another five years – although, unfortunately, the payroll tax break was allowed to expire, which will hurt both working families and job creation.

The biggest progressive gripe about the legislation is that Obama extracted less revenue from the affluent than expected – about \$600 billion versus \$800 billion over the next decade. In perspective, however, this isn't that big a deal. Put it this way: A reasonable estimate is that gross domestic product over the next 10 years will be around \$200 trillion. So if the revenue take had matched expectations, it would still have amounted to only 0.4 percent of GDP; as it turned out, this was reduced to 0.3 percent. Either way, it wouldn't make much difference in the fights over revenue versus spending still to come. Oh, and not only did Republicans vote for a tax increase for the first time in decades, the overall result of the tax changes now taking effect – which include new taxes associated with Obamacare as well as the new legislation – will be a significant reduction in income inequality, with the top 1 percent and even more so the top 0.1 percent taking a much bigger hit than middle-income families.

So why are many progressives – myself included – feeling very apprehensive? Because we're worried about the confrontations to come.

According to the normal rules of politics, Republicans should have very little bargaining power at this point. With Democrats holding the White House and the Senate, the GOP can't pass legislation; and since the biggest progressive policy priority of recent years, health reform, is already law, Republicans wouldn't seem to have many bargaining chips.

But the GOP retains the power to destroy, in particular by refusing to raise the debt limit – which could cause a financial crisis. And Republicans have made it clear that they plan to use their destructive power to extract major policy concessions.

Now, the president has said that he won't negotiate on that basis, and rightly so. Threatening to hurt tens of millions of innocent victims unless you get your way – which is what the GOP strategy boils down to – shouldn't be treated as a legitimate political tactic. But will Obama stick to his anti-blackmail position as the moment of truth approaches? He blinked during the 2011 debt limit confrontation.

And the last few days of the fiscal cliff negotiations were also marked by a clear unwillingness on his part to let the deadline expire. Since the consequences of a missed deadline on the debt limit would potentially be much worse, this bodes ill for administration resolve in the clinch.

So, as I said, in a tactical sense the fiscal cliff ended in a modest victory for the White House. But that victory could all too easily turn into defeat in just a few weeks. □



Suffering Fools Gladly Throughout The Years



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Recently I was reading a magazine profile of a brilliant statistician. The article mentioned, in passing, that this guy doesn't suffer fools gladly.

I come across that phrase a lot. I've read that Al Gore and former Rep. Barney Frank don't suffer fools gladly. Neither, apparently, did Steve Jobs, George Harrison, Pauline Kael or even Henry David Thoreau. The phrase originally came from William Tyndale's 1534 translation of the Bible. In it, Paul was ripping into the decadent citizens of Corinth for turning away from his own authoritative teaching and falling for a bunch of second-rate false apostles. "For ye suffers fool gladly," Paul says with withering sarcasm, "seeing ye yourselves are wise."

Today, the phrase is often used as an ambiguous compliment. It suggests that a person is so smart he has trouble tolerating people who are far below his own high standards. It is used to describe a person who is so passionately committed to a vital cause that he doesn't have time for social niceties toward those idiots who stand in his way. It is used to suggest a level of social courage; a person who has the guts to tell idiots what he really thinks. Sure, it would be better if such

people were nicer to those around them, the phrase implies, but this is a forgivable sin in one so talented. The actor Ed Harris' "penetrating gaze signals that this is a serious, somber man on a singular quest," a writer observed in The Toronto Sun. "He doesn't suffer fools gladly, if at all."

This sounds fine in the abstract, but when you actually witness somebody in the act of not suffering fools gladly, it looks rotten. Once I watched a senior member of the House of Representatives rip into a young reporter after she nervously asked him an ill-informed question.

She was foolish about that particular piece of legislation, but, in the moment, he looked the bigger fool. He was making a snap judgment about a person with no real information about her actual qualities. He was exposing a yawning gap between his own high opinion of himself and his actual conduct in the world. He was making the mistake, which metaphysical fools tend to make, that there is no connection between your inner moral quality and the level of courtesy you present to others.

Smart people who've thought about this usually understand that the habits we put in practice end up shaping the people we are within. "Manners are of more importance than laws," Edmund Burke wrote. "Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us, by a constant, steady, uniform, insensible operation, like that of the air we breathe in." In his extremely French book, "A Small Treatise on the Great Virtues," the contemporary philosopher Andre Comte-Sponville argues that "politeness is the first virtue, and the origin perhaps of all the others." Politeness is a discipline that compels respectful behavior. Mo-

reality, he writes "is like a politeness of the soul, an etiquette of the inner life, a code of duties, a ceremonial of the essential." (I told you it was very French.) Jane Austen is the novelist most famous for advocating this point of view. In her novel "Emma," the lead character is rude to a foolish and verbose old woman named Miss Bates. Emma's friend George Knightley rebukes her.

If Miss Bates were rich or smart or your equal, maybe this rudeness would have been tolerable, Mr. Knightley tells her, but "she is poor; she has sunk from the comforts she was born to; and, if she live to old age, must probably sink more. Her situation should secure your compassion. It was badly done, indeed!"

I don't give myself high marks on suffering fools. I'm not rude to those I consider foolish, but I strenuously and lamentably evade them. But I do see people who handle fools well. Many members of the clergy do, as do many great teachers. In my experience, Midwesterners are more likely to treat fools well.

Natural politicians do so, too. Joe Biden is effective because he loves humanity in all its shapes and sizes.

G.K. Chesterton had the best advice on suffering fools gladly. He put emphasis on the gladly. When you're with fools, laugh with them and at them simultaneously: "An obvious instance is that of ordinary and happy marriage. A man and a woman cannot live together without having against each other a kind of everlasting joke. Each has discovered that the other is a fool, but a great fool. This largeness, this grossness and gorgeousness of folly is the thing which we all find about those with whom we are in intimate contact; and it is the one enduring basis of affection, and even of respect." □

Winter brings new TV shows, and finales

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A full-fledged winter television season has been with us for at least four or five years, and it just keeps getting bigger. This year January alone will feature the debuts of more than 100 new series or new seasons of established shows.

The coming months will include a new mystery series, "Banshee," bearing the fingerprints of the "Six Feet Under" and "True Blood" creator Alan Ball; the move of "Cougar Town" to its new home at TBS; new seasons of fan favorites like "Girls," "Justified" and "Community"; and the final episodes of two of the more entertaining shows on TV, "Fringe" and "30 Rock."

Here is a highly selective list of some of the winter's more interesting arrivals (and departures). As always, dates are subject to change.

BERING SEA GOLD (Season 2, Discovery, Friday)

In Jack London's day, Arctic adventure meant leaving family and friends behind. Now it means taking

them along so you can yell at them on camera, a formula that worked well for this gold-dredging reality show in its first season.

PORTLANDIA (Season 3, IFC, Friday)

Carrie Brownstein and Fred Armisen return with more mildly amusing sketch comedy from the Pacific Northwest. An MTV gag in Episode 2 starring Kurt Loder, Tabitha Soren and Matt Pinfield – a dose of 40-something wish fulfillment – will get attention, but Armisen and Brownstein's best creations are still Candace and Toni, the frightening proprietors of the feminist bookstore Women and Women First.

CESAR MILLAN'S LEADER OF THE PACK (Nat Geo Wild, Saturday)

Millan, formerly the dog whisperer, adds match-making to his resume. Each week three humans compete to adopt a pup from Millan's Dog Psychology Center in Miraflores, Spain.

DOWNTON ABBEY (Season 3, PBS, Sunday)

Shirley MacLaine, as Cora's mother, and Tim Pigott-Smith, as an obstetrician,

come aboard the "Downton" dreadnought. It may be impossible to avoid the spoilers coming out of Britain, where the third season has already been shown, but true fans should do their best.

JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE! (ABC, Tuesday)

Kimmel's late-night talk show moves to 11:35 p.m., forcing reporters accustomed to typing "Jay and Dave" to remember to type "Jay, Dave and Jimmy."

JUSTIFIED (Season 4, FX, Tuesday)

The laconic lawman Raylan Givens (Timothy Olyphant) and the charismatic criminal Boyd Crowder (Walton Goggins) continue their improbable friendship in the hills and hollers of Harlan County, Ky.

SNOOKI AND JWOWW (Season 2, MTV, Tuesday)

You might not think that either Nicole Polizzi (Snooki) or Jenni Farley (JWoww) needed supersizing, but now that "Jersey Shore" is history, the new season of this spinoff reality series is expanding from 30-minute to one-hour episodes.



Tina Fey's sitcom signs off after seven seasons, after which many of us will forget everything about the show except Alec Baldwin's funny and frightening performance as the tinny soul of NBC.
(Chad Batka/The New York Times)

1600 PENN (NBC, Thursday)

Bill Pullman is the president, and Josh Gad ("Book of Mormon") his dim-bulb son, in this wacky-family sitcom set in the White House. (If this sounds familiar, it's because NBC previewed the pilot episode in mid-December.)

GIRLS (Season 2, HBO, Jan. 13)

What will Lena Dunham's Hannah be eating when the second season of Dunham's much lauded series begins? The menu so far: spaghetti when Season 1 opened, cake when it ended and birthday cake,

while sitting naked on a toilet, in the opening skit of the Emmy Awards. (Following "Girls" on Jan. 13 is the Season 2 premiere of "Enlightened," with Laura Dern.)

THE CARRIE DIARIES (CW, Jan. 14)

AnnaSophia Robb plays Carrie Bradshaw at 16, before she grew into Sarah Jessica Parker and, more crucially, before Darren Star and Michael Patrick King started writing her dialogue.

AMERICAN IDOL (Season 12, Fox, Jan. 16)

The country singer Keith Urban and the designated antagonists Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj arrive, in another near-total makeover of the judging panel. And for the first time in seven years, "Idol" is not the defending prime-time ratings champion. But some things – namely Randy Jackson and Ryan Seacrest – never change.

NEWSREADERS (Adult Swim, Jan. 17)

Rob Corddry and David Wain, executive producers of the short-form medical-drama parody "Children's Hospital," are behind this spinoff series, a parody of TV newsmagazines.

THE FOLLOWING (Fox, Jan. 21)

Kevin Bacon takes on his first regular TV role since a short stint on "Guiding Light" more than 30 years ago. He plays an FBI profiler whose bete noire, an intellectual serial killer (James Purefoy) obsessed with Edgar Allan Poe, finds a way to keep killing from inside prison. □



An undated handout photo of Jimmy Kimmel on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!." Kimmel's ascent to the main stage of late-night television has been greeted with widespread congratulations for a performer who had paid his dues and for a network willing to shake up the late-night status quo and bet on a comedy challenger to David Letterman and Jay Leno.

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